

# 58th NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION

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"Future Farmers why were we here?  
To practice brotherhood, honor rural  
opportunities and responsibilities,  
and develop those qualities of  
leadership which a Future Farmer  
should possess.

As we mingle with others, let us be  
diligent in labor, just in our dealings,  
courteous to everyone, and, above  
all, honest and fair in the game of  
life."



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**Rick Malir**  
President

Rick Malir, 21, of Wilson, Kansas, is the National FFA President for 1985-86. His local FFA advisor is James Patry. He is the son of Eugene and Frances Malir.

Before being elected state president, he was chapter and federation president and a member of the National FFA Band. Rick's Supervised Occupational Experience program includes beef cattle, mink and wheat enterprises.

In high school, Rick was student council president and president of both his junior and senior classes.

Rick supported the implementation of the Kansas FFA Foundation during his year of office as state president. He also served as a U.S. Senate Legislative Intern for Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole.

Rick is an agricultural economics major at Kansas State University. Rick Malir, Route 1, Box 109, Wilson, KS 76400



**Kevin Coffman**  
Central Region  
Vice President

Kevin Coffman, 20, of Holliday, Missouri, is the new Central Region Vice President of the FFA. He is the son of Ray and Rebecca Coffman. His FFA advisors were Mickey Biscoe and Robert Wilkerson.

Kevin served as first vice president and president of the Pans FFA chapter, president of the Area IV Association and just completed his term as Missouri state FFA president. He received the Star Chapter Farmer award, Outstanding Leadership award and the Santa Fe Leadership award.

Kevin's Supervised Occupational Experience program involves a commercial farrow to finish hog operation and a registered cattle herd. He was the state winner in swine proficiency and district winner in farm business management contest. Kevin also served on the Missouri Governor's Advisory Council on Agriculture.

He is a student at the University of Missouri-Columbia where he is majoring in agricultural economics and agricultural education. Kevin Coffman, Route 1, Holliday, MO 65558



**Robert W. Weaver**  
Southern Region  
Vice President

Robert W. Weaver, 20, of Hartselle, Alabama, is the 1985-86 National FFA Southern Region Vice President. Robert is the son of Eileen and Joyce Weaver. His local advisor is Billy W. Bryan.

Robert's Supervised Occupational Experience program while enrolled in vocational agriculture at Falkville High School consisted of dairy production management at a neighboring dairy.

He served as chapter treasurer, vice president, and president. He was also involved in many judging contests, quartet contests and public speaking. In 1982-83, Robert served as president of the Alabama FFA Association.

Robert is currently attending Auburn University and is majoring in agricultural engineering with intentions of doing research in artificial intelligence use in agricultural production and mechanization. Robert is an active member of Auburn University's Collegiate FFA chapter. Robert W. Weaver, Route 1, Box 221A, Hartselle, AL 35640



**Coby Shorter**  
Secretary

Coby Shorter, III, 19, of Eagle Lake, Texas, is the 1985-86 National FFA Secretary. He is the son of Reverend and Mrs. Coby Shorter, Jr. His local FFA advisors are Ronel Roberts, Finest Axel, and Mike McMahon.

Coby's Supervised Occupational Experience program includes raising and exhibiting ewes. He has also developed an outstanding small herd of Simmental cattle.

Coby was president of the Texas FFA Association and served as chapter, district, and area president. He has participated on the district, area and state levels in the prepared and extemporaneous public speaking contests. His musical talents have enabled him to serve as organist at the 1983 and 1984 national conventions.

He attends college at Texas A & M University and majors in agricultural education. Coby Shorter, III, 1204 Seaholm Street, Eagle Lake, TX 77434



**Kip Godwin**  
Eastern Region  
Vice President

Kip Godwin of Whitesville, North Carolina is the new Eastern Region Vice President of the FFA. He is the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Eliza Godwin. His local FFA advisors are John R. Faulk and Joseph P. Gore.

Godwin's Supervised Occupational Experience program includes a variety of crops and livestock production. He worked on the family farm in corn, tobacco, sweet potatoes, poultry and swine, and earned two statewide agricultural proficiency awards.

Kip was state president of the North Carolina FFA Association and was a chapter, federation and district officer. He received the Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer awards and was involved in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, and livestock judging contests.

Godwin is a student at North Carolina State University in Raleigh where he is majoring in agricultural education. Kip Godwin, Route 3, Box 298-A, Whitesville, NC 28472



**Cindy Blair**  
Western Region  
Vice President

Cindy Blair, 20, of Noble, Oklahoma, is the newly-elected National FFA Vice President of the Western Region. She is the daughter of Jack and Linda Blair. Her local FFA advisors are Dale Horton and Brady McLaughlin.

Blair's Supervised Occupational Experience program includes Hampshire sheep, Dorco swine and a commercial cattle operation. Cindy was the state sheep proficiency winner. She has diversified livestock production within the western region diversified livestock production winner.

Cindy served as state FFA president and secretary of the Oklahoma FFA Association. She also won state championships in two public speaking divisions and placed second nationwide in extemporaneous public speaking.

Blair is an Oklahoma State University student where she majors in agricultural economics and agriculture. Cindy Blair, Route 1, Box 306, Noble, OK 73068



## National Officer Candidates

Selected by their state associations these FFA members ran for the six national offices of the FFA. Each has earned the American Farmer Degree and went through a week of intense screening by their peers on the Convention Nominating Committee.



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### Photographers

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## 100% Plus States Awards

This year nine states were recognized at the national convention for having 100% or more of their vocational agriculture enrollment in FFA. The states honored were: Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

Alabama: Robert Weaver, Hartselle; Arizona: Rick Valencia, Marana; Arkansas: Donna Clayton, Foreman; California: Andrea Swartz, Grass Valley; Florida: William Smith, Blountstown; Idaho: Kory Lolley, Wester, Hildreth; Kent Barrow, Altamont, Indiana: Rick Nagel, Rensselaer; Iowa: Dwight Moyer, Alvor, Kansas: Rick Malir, Wilson; Kentucky: Douglas Coyle, Macville; Louisiana: Lee Fletcher, Oak Grove; Maryland: Margaret Farnsperg, Rocky Ridge; Michigan: Clarence Rustad, Montrose; Minnesota: Jeffrey Moon, Hayfield; Mississippi: Johnny White, Lucedale; Missouri: Kevin Coffman, Holliday; Montana: Jodi Dawson, Bell; Nebraska: Kevin Yost, DeWitt; Nevada: Kelly Horton, Eiko; North Carolina: Kip Godwin, Whitesville; Oklahoma: Kip Blair, Noble; Oregon: Daren Coppock, Adams; South Carolina: Deborah Cribb, Hemingway; South Dakota: Charles Davis, White; Tennessee: John Ross, Cookeville; Texas: Coby Shorter, III, Eagle Lake; Utah: Brenda Crane, Salina; Virginia: Myra Newman, Quaker, Washington: T. D. Hostika, Battle Ground; Wyoming: Courtney Schilt, Laramie



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## FFA TIMES

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Once again the FFA Times was read each day by those in attendance at the 58th National FFA Convention. University journalism students from around the country, under the direction of FFA Information Intern, Arny Markward, applied themselves to the task of "giving the news out" from their headquarters in the FFA Convention Newsroom.

## Volunteers Saluted

The National FFA Organization would like to salute the hundreds of volunteers who are the mainstay of the national convention. Without their hard work and long hours it would never come together. Thank you Stage Crew, Contest Corps, News Crew, News Corps, contest helpers, K.C. Advisory Board and all the others to numerous to mention but definitely and wholeheartedly appreciated.

## VIP Citations

The following individuals were honored with the VIP Citation for their continual support of and service to the FFA:



Dr. Virgil Marlinton, former Wisconsin FFA Executive Secretary and Supervisor of Agricultural Education. After 20 years as a vocational agriculture instructor, Dr. Marlinton became supervisor of agricultural education in 1972. He served as consultant to the Wisconsin Jr. Dairy-men's Association and was instrumental in forming a state FFA Alumni Association, which has become the largest in the nation. He then served as Executive Secretary for two years before retiring this past August. He currently resides in Staunton, Wisconsin.

Laurence Pressly, former Executive Vice President of the American Royal Association.

Pressly began his association with the FFA while working with the Extension Service. After becoming agricultural specialist with the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce, he was instrumental in bringing about complete support of the city for the National FFA Contests. For six years he served as head of the American Royal Association and during that time developed an American Royal scholarship for the winner of each contest. He is also a ten year member of the Kansas City Advisory Council to FFA and a resident of Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Frank R. Stover, State Supervisor of Agricultural Education in South Carolina for 15 years after 12 years as a vocational agriculture instructor, Stover served as State Executive Secretary for the FFA and Young Farmers for four years. During his tenure as State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, he served on the National FFA Board of Directors (1970-71) and was awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1971.

Stover, of Pelton, South Carolina, retired in 1984 after 33 years of service to vocational agriculture and the FFA. Carl S. Thomas, Assistant Director, West Virginia Bureau of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education in Charleston, West Virginia. For 43 years Thomas has served vocational agriculture as a vocational instructor, vocational Program Specialist and State Supervisor, and presently, as assistant director of the West Virginia Bureau of Vocational, Technical and Adult Education. He was instrumental in developing the West Virginia Young Farmer program in 1970 and continues to be active in so doing by assisting in the selection of National FFA Promotency Award Program participants.

Dr. Francis T. Tuttle, State Director, State Department of Vocational Technical Education. Beginning his service to the FFA as a state officer in 1937, Dr. Tuttle went on to teach vocational agriculture for six years, was Superintendent of Schools for 13 years, and a State Voc Tech staff member since 1964. He has been serving as state director in Stillwater, Oklahoma, since 1967 and will retire in February of 1986. Dr. Tuttle received the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1976.



## Convention Speakers and Special Entertainment

Speakers for the convention included U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block, motivational speaker, Zig Ziglar, sponsored by American Bankers Association; NBC "Today" show personality Willard Scott, sponsored by International Minerals & Chemical Corporation; Denis Watley, "Space Age Motivator," sponsored by the FFA; Olympic gold medalist in gymnastics, Bart Conner, sponsored by Coca-Cola, U.S.A. and former pro running-back Rocky Bleier, sponsored by H.J. Heinz Company Foundation.

"Stars from The Grand Ole Opry," sponsored by T.C.R. Inc., Earl E. Dwens, Nashville, Tennessee, provided special entertainment Saturday afternoon with well-known country stars: Del Wood, Razy Bailey, H.C. Morgan and Cal Smith.



# Distinguished Service Citations

This year three organizations were recognized with the Distinguished Service Citation for their exceptional service to the FFA by contributing time, money and personnel. They were:



The Meredith Company/SUCCESSFUL FARMING, of Des Moines, Iowa, the company has sponsored National Achievement Awards, provided National FFA Foundation Chairman, developed and headed a national publicity campaign honoring FFA's 50th Anniversary and in the early years of the FFA, provided loans to members to help them start farming.

Pizer Incorporated/Agricultural Division, of New York, New York. Pizer has supported the FFA for 32 years by providing National FFA Foundation Chairman,

sponsoring National Proficiency Awards and the National Hall of Achievement, and assisting FFA leaders through a Strategic Planning Process.

R. J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. R. J. Reynolds has been a long-time supporter of the FFA, developing 13 state FFA proficiency awards and sponsoring this year's new Specialty Crop Proficiency Award. They also sponsor the Building Our American Communities program with funding and staff. They are the organization's largest annual sponsor.

## New "Brand 'Em To Save A Life' Safety Campaign

Sponsored by International Harvester Company and J I Case

During the convention a new safety campaign entitled "Brand 'Em To Save A Life" was introduced. The educational effort is a special emphasis campaign of the National FFA Safety Awards program.

Launched at the convention, the campaign's emphasis months will be during the spring of 1986. FFA chapters and members nationwide will join the campaign to educate American farmers of the three leading causes of farm tractor fatalities: rollovers, runovers and unguarded power take offs.

FFA members will pass out safety literature and place safety reminder decals on older model tractors.

FFA chapters will be recognized for their efforts with a special campaign certificate saluting their efforts. In addition, chapters may include this activity in their National FFA Safety Award application.

## Ag Ed Network

This year hands-on Ag Ed Training sessions were again offered. Also offered were advanced and technical training sessions. New additions included the FFA News area where FFA news from the convention was put on the Ag Ed Network as it happened and a special MCI message center was available for students wishing to send or receive messages from their families or v-o-g classmates at home.

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# Computers in Agriculture Award

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The National FFA Computers in Agriculture Seminar was held August 13-17, 1985 in Washington, DC, to recognize the top FFA members for their achievements and progress in utilizing computers. All of the state Computers in Agriculture winners received an expense paid trip to the National FFA Computers in Agriculture Award Seminar.

The award program recognizes FFA members who have achieved and made great progress in utilizing computers in agriculture and agribusiness. Students are judged on their ability to adapt computer technology to benefit their Supervised Occupational Experience enterprise and/or local FFA chapter.

National Winner—Stephen M. Cameron, Lyons, Ohio

First Runner-Up—Larry Sanders, Santa Maria, California

Second Runner-Up—Michael Vincent, Las Animas, Colorado

Third Runner-Up—Randolph Ted Hall, Staunton, Virginia

Fourth Runner-Up—Jeff Allen Need, Frankfort, Kentucky

## Special Meal Functions

Meal functions are an additional means of providing motivation, education and further leadership training to FFA members and guests in attendance. This year there was a National FFA Prayer Breakfast with guest speaker Todd Blackledge, a National FFA Leadership Dinner addressed by former National FFA Secretary, Scott McKean; an American Farmer luncheon for recipients of the American Farmer Degree and special Wednesday night Alumni Dinner.

## "Secure A Place In History"

The National FFA Organization and 1984-85 National FFA Officer Team kicked off a nationwide campaign to raise money toward the restoration of the Statue of Liberty on the recommendation of the delegates of the 57th National FFA Convention. The officers gave a progress report to the convention and stressed a projected completion date of December 31, 1985 and urged members to follow the ideas and guidelines in the brochure, "Secure A Place In History."

## ACCESS

The new ACCESS subscription service for agricultural education operated by the National FFA Supply Service premiered at the convention at the National Agricultural Career Show. It will provide subscribers with access to a software library, educational software reviews, computer software at special educational prices and a one year subscription to the ACCESS-INTERFACE Newsletter. ACCESS is a special subscription service aimed at agricultural education and the local agriculture instructor in particular.



## State Finalists

Alabama: Pat Pace, Scottsboro; Alaska: Cary Taylor, Delta Junction; Arkansas: Kevin Mathis, Valley Springs; California: Larry Sanders, Santa Maria; Colorado: Michael Vincent, Las Animas; Florida: Keith McDord, Sarasota; Georgia: Connie J. Loomis, Salem; Idaho: Jeff Allen Need, Rossville; Iowa: Wade E. Nolte, Ackley; Kansas: Jon Haggard, Washburn Rural; Kentucky: Mike Jernigan, Franklin; Louisiana: Rachelle Rae McDaniel, Iota; Maine: Aaron Craig Cote, Caribou; Massachusetts: Josh Lightner, Essex; Michigan: Lynn Mazurk, Lakewood; Minnesota: Angie Nolting, Detroitville; Missouri: Larry Jennings, Stanberry; Montana: Jim Aveni, Red Lodge; Nebraska: Dan Charron, Ravenna; Nevada: Paula Gardner, Ruby Mountain; New Jersey: Richard Yorkowich, Warren Hills; New Mexico: Jared Burnett, Estancia; New York: Paul O. Colgan, Northern Adirondack; North Dakota: Todd C. Mayer, Renton; Ohio: Stephen M. Cameron, Lyons; Oklahoma: Kenneth Wayne Good, Jr., Medford; Oregon: Tracy Plagmann, Albany; Pennsylvania: Jon Mesko, Little Lions State College; South Carolina: Rodney Weaver, Spartanburg; South Dakota: L. Christopher Olson, Clark; Texas: Tim Perri, Clear Creek; Utah: Erik Merkle, Roosevelt; Virginia: Randolph Ted Hall, Fort Belknap; Washington: Stacy Kosche, Snohomish; Wisconsin: John Seng, Delavan; Wyoming: Andrew Morehead, Baggs.

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# Official Delegates



These state associations members represent the entire FFA membership in policy development, committees and voting on the convention floor. The number of delegates representing each state is proportional to their overall membership. Each state has at least two delegates.

**Alabama:** Jody Brewer, Saraland; David Palmer, Russellville; Thomas Spencer, Auburn. **Alaska:** Justin Aivi, Homer. **Kim Rohr, Delta Junction, Arizona:** Damon De La Pena, Phoenix; Debbie Nabonne, Tempe. **Arkansas:** Teresa Hendrix, Marshall; Arthur Hill, Fulton. **California:** Serena Benardum, Galt; Steven Davis, Santa Paula; Curt Estes, Chino. **Colorado:** Troy McCut, Flagler. **Delaware:** Ray Harrington, Wilmington; Jack Loftis, Wyoming. **Florida:** Karen Hurst, Brandon; Terry Parrish, Trenton; George Chad Barnes, Clermont; Jimmie Coleman, Sylvester. **Hawaii:** Kathy Eggers, Halewae; Anthony Kulkarni, Waimanalo. **Idaho:** Laura Hobbs, Eagle; Brett Reynolds, Kuna. **Illinois:** Craig Clay, Clay City; Lynn Granby, Verona; Charles Schock, Bluffs. **Indiana:** Mark Kirkpatrick, Trafalgar; Lisa Moss, Trafalgar. **Iowa:** Kevin Eblen, Creston; Eugene Rodger, Forest City. **Kansas:** Tom Hemmer, Salina; Melaine Mangus, Courtland. **Kentucky:** Anthony Osborne, Williamsburg; Kelly Smith, Bowling Green. **Louisiana:** Tim Barry, Jena; Allen Brussard, Morse. **Maine:** Kevin Grass, Mars Hill; Todd Winslow, Presque Isle. **Maryland:** Brian Gass, Emmetsburg; Sarah Osborn, Keymar. **Massachusetts:** Michael Felis, Rye; Lisa Hixon, Ashfield. **Michigan:** Shawn Newman, Constantine; Brad Parrish, Quincy. **Minnesota:** Dean Herder, Mountain Lake; Ann Marie Henkels, Heron Lake. **Mississippi:** David Walker, Baudette; Duane Weems, Jackson. **Missouri:** Nancy Cane, Springfield; Brad Hasenager, New Haven. **Montana:** Todd D'Hair, Livingston; Steven Peterson, Lincoln. **Nebraska:** Bob Gestring, Lincoln; Dave Keeske, Blue Hill.

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## Convention Business

### District of Columbia—State FFA Association



The District of Columbia became a chartered State FFA association during the 58th National FFA Convention. During the National FFA Board of Directors' convention meeting, the board moved to receive and grant the charter after re-

viewing the proposed association constitution, bylaws, program of activities and other requirements. The District of Columbia FFA Association has 129 members in five Washington, DC high school FFA chapters.



## Honorary American Farmer Degree

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# National Officer Retiring Addresses



*When the call goes out in the game of life, please remember All things go, always go . . . To the highest bidder!*

It hardly seems that it was 371 days ago that I received the gavel as president of this organization, and now this afternoon, I'm offering my final remarks as an FFA officer. As I open my heart and mind to you I overflow with pride in recalling my associations with some of the finest people to ever walk the face of the earth. In this society of idols, role models, characters, and images my real heroes live in every corner of this great nation. They are God fearing, hardworking individuals who turn on fresh air, dark soil, rainy days and make ends meet through a grim determination to succeed. Most I have never met, but I feel a bond among them in agriculture that goes far beyond the description of mere words.

So many times this year people have asked what makes the farm so appealing? As I search for words to the unanswerable question I think of the newborn calf standing on wobbly legs, the scent of freshly turned soil, a rainbow following a mid-summer storm, and the first dusting of snow that signals the arrival of winter. So deeply rooted in our heritage, so much a part of American history, the tradition of the family farm will continue as long as we value and respect our soils as pillars of the earth. Having been humbled so many times I remember a mid-September visit to the USDA when I picked up a magazine whose front cover carried this message: "Man despite his artistic pretension and his many accomplishments, owes his existence to a six-inch layer of top soil and the fact that it rains." As progressive agriculturalists we must never lose sight of our responsibilities, as a chosen people, to care for the earth and its resources.

As we come to the close of this national convention word leaders are gathering to discuss controls of powerful nuclear weapons, weapons that individually could destroy millions of lives and if used in plurality could remove human existence from the face of this earth. Seemingly we waver each day between near destruction and continued existence in a world of turmoil, terrorism, starvation, fear, and anguish. Yet my heart is with our leaders to keep their dearest strong . . . to guarantee the defense of this nation and the protection of all free people of every race, religion and creed. In this pivotal world of critical decisions, decisive actions, and intense proposals words our leaders must remember the words of Andrew Jackson: "One man with courage makes a majority." My strength lies in the values of America, not in the values of more than saying the pledge or hearing the national anthem. Those feelings come after having experienced the deep relief of stepping off a jet aircraft on U.S. soil. That strange inclination that you're right at home even though you're in an island state thousands of miles away. And the stars and stripes fly proudly overhead.

Having been granted the privilege of seeing much of this great nation and the people I marvel at our blessings of land and resources, and the incomparable creativity of our 238 million individuals creating a prosperous lifestyle from the riches of this great land. Americans represent a special coalition of innovators and creators. A Texas rodeo, Nebraska windmill, California redwood, cornfield and Kentucky thoroughbred are all monuments of this nation dedicated to the people who form our heritage. As members of the Future Farmers of America we should tremble at the thought of the tremendous responsibilities facing our generation. Just as our predecessors have risen to the occasion so many times in the past, each of us must feel a special responsibility to the future.

Agriculture has never been a more challenging industry and America has never held more opportunity than that which exists today. Our blessings are here today because of the efforts of individuals who weren't afraid to step forward and take a hand, volunteer to do a hard task, or fight for justice and truth. Many stories have been told of visitors of this nation who marveled at the willingness of our people to stand up and be counted and come to the aid of their fellow Americans.

Science today pulls at us from every direction. Communications pull at our minds, politicians seek for our votes, and everyone seems to be supporting a special interest. As we fight the internal wars of today's society we must remember that going into battle prepared means that we're armed with a positive attitude, a courageous heart, and a true spirit. Success in life will ultimately come to those who prepared for its challenges.

Leadership is a special opportunity to serve others by giving of oneself. It has been said that if you help enough people get what they want you will fulfill your dream. Everyone gains when you share your time and talents with others, and sharing and prospering ultimately go hand in hand. There are two seas in Palestine. One supports every kind of life with fish in its water, trees along its banks, and people in homes along its shores. The Jordan River flows through it to form yet another sea. Here there are no fish in the water, birds in the air or foliage along its shores. Now what creates the difference in these two seas? Not the river, nor the soil, or surrounding land. The Sea of Galilee receives the gifts of the Jordan River, but in receiving it also gives the gift of water. The Sea that accompanies it continues as the Sea of Galilee shares that special gift. But the Jordan River is not so generous. It eagerly releases the bounty of the Jordan River, but in receiving it hoards every drop of water. It keeps the Sea of Galilee seas and prospers with life. The other sea gives nothing, and is appropriately named the Dead Sea. There are two seas in Palestine. Are there two kinds of people in the world today?

Each of us are players in the big game of the game of life. No one appears to be keeping score. There are no numbers on the wall, checkmarks on paper, or brightly illuminated signs, and none of us really knows what quarter we're in or how much time remains. I invite each of you to see each day as a new challenge complete with fresh ideas, themes, and responsibilities. Make that special effort to be a breath of fresh air, a shower on a hot, dry day or a cool breeze on a hot summer sun. Our time is so special, our days so limited, and we all seem to desire so many rewards in life. Material or nonmaterial all of these rewards require some special effort, hard work and a strong desire to succeed; and many truly do go to the highest bidder as an inspiration in someone's life, be a part of this creative society, and accept the challenges placed before you by present generations. As a state in the care of our National Archives building proclamations, "The heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future." Each of you are special, each of you are unique, and the life you live on

that old auction block you truly do make a difference in the future. Farmers simply ask you what price are you willing to pay to give success?

(Auction Chant)

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## "Passing Thoughts"

Michael J. Galyon  
National FFA Secretary

Over 200 years ago the men and women of our country had a dream. The dream was for a country of freedom and prosperity. Their dreams were not in vain for they followed them. They took their desire for a new country, added hard work and a commitment to improvement and formed the United States of America.

We often look at the hard work demonstrated by these individuals and realize why they were successful. The first step in their success was not their hard work, but rather their dreams. The dreams turned dreams into ideas, ideas into plans, and plans into action. They first had to realize that their dreams were good and they were worth taking a chance on. The early Americans took the philosophy that before any carpenter can build a house an architect must design it. Before they fought for America, they had to have a vision of what it would be.

God made us both architects and carpenters, both designers and builders. Before you can build, or rather, before you can set a goal and follow after it, you must first design. The mind is capable of many tasks. With it we construct vehicles capable of taking men to the moon, bridges which carry passengers over deep water, medicines which heal the sick and afflicted and convention halls which hold thousands of people. However, before these were constructed with a person's hands, they had to be created in a person's mind.

We all had the desire to afford this national convention. Because we did, we found a way to get it. It does not matter whether you came on a bus or in your own car or in a plane with your state association. What matters is that you are here.

Dreams and desires run much deeper than just affording a national meeting. The dreams the first settlers had were ones which would not only affect their lives, but those hundreds of millions. Can you imagine what life would be like today if those travelers had not pursued their vision of change? Can you envision what life would be like today if those pioneers had given up on their dream and accepted defeat?

We, too, often, tend ourselves with a dream—a thought that seems to work its way into our minds. We see success as following after it, but we seldom do. Maybe your dream is to become a chapter officer, speak at a conference, achieve a high level of proficiency award, or even win a public speaking contest. Someone we often fail to implement our dreams is put them in the back of our minds. Perhaps it is because of fear, fear of failure, fear of being laughed at, or fear of not having what it takes. It seems what it takes the mind hours to develop the heart can destroy in moments.

Our minds are what develop the ideas that take men to the moon, build bridges which span the deserts, and create countries like the United States. God gave us the ability to dream and think and the ability to do something with what our mind has created.

Remember, when fears come into the picture our dreams have a tendency of losing their luster and our desires seem to fade away. Plans never materialize and our ideas become passing thoughts. There is a very obvious importance in not giving up on our dreams before they have a chance to succeed. Success begins with our thoughts. If you never give yours a chance, you have denied yourself the opportunity to grow as a person and a chance to develop your potential.

The easiest time to quit is before we begin. That is when the least at stake and the least is to be gained is to stop. But that is a myth—you have much to lose—a chance to grow and develop, challenges to overcome, successes yet unwritten. One thing I know is that you are capable of doing anything you wish to do. Be achievers, not quitters. There is great importance in putting talents and skills to positive use. Remember that our thoughts rest among the most valuable of the resources we must use.

For many years I have enjoyed sitting beside a stream near my home. The water seems to move gently through the hills until it finds a way to a lake. This stream does not run dry, however, each May or June it dries up leaving behind only a single remnant where the water once flowed.

There are other bodies of water, my favorite of which is the Colorado River. When I was a small child my family traveled to Colorado to view the splendor of this river. I was in awe as I looked at the canyon the river had carved into the earth.

Even today, when I have the opportunity to fly over the Colorado River, I am amazed at what Mother Nature has done. She has created a wonder of nature that will excite anyone who views it. Nature had a resource to water, my favorite of which is the Colorado River. When I was a small child my family traveled to Colorado to view the splendor of this river. I was in awe as I looked at the canyon the river had carved into the earth.

Just like us, Mother Nature makes choices. Her choice many years ago was to invest her resource—water—into the land. She created a wonder of nature that will excite anyone who views it. Nature had a resource to water, my favorite of which is the Colorado River. When I was a small child my family traveled to Colorado to view the splendor of this river. I was in awe as I looked at the canyon the river had carved into the earth.

Like nature, we have resources to invest and manage. Our resources are the thoughts we develop with our minds. We can take our dreams and make a difference in our lives, or in so doing make a difference in the world around us. The difference made will come from the development of our self-discipline, the ability to work with other people and skill development such as effective communication.

You have a choice to make. Just as God made us both architects and carpenters, we have a choice to make. Like nature, we make decisions. Will we be a stream or a river? To make the difference of a river you must take your thoughts and do something with them. Make your choices and use your resources so that your brightest ideas will become a reality.

Gold is the most precious of all mineral resources found in the earth and you are the most precious of human resources found on the Earth. Just as gold shines with a luster that makes it other metal, your virtues radiate the hope for tomorrow like no other people I have ever known in my travels.

But remember that gold, in its pure form, is not simply and easily brought to the Earth's surface for our use. It must be mined and refined before a craftsman can form a precious object. And so it is with each of you. Through the power of choice and through hard work you can determine the degree of purity to which you will refine the gold that is inside you.

After a while we understand success is not magic. It comes from dreaming, refining our dreams into ideas and ideas into action. The first step will always be pursuing your dreams with enthusiasm.

We begin to understand that the greatest inventors, the best scientists and the most successful leaders started with ideas. They never listened to tears which told them their ideas would not work, they took a chance. They took a chance on themselves! Is there a dream you have never pursued? Do you have a desire that has never been tried? What are you waiting for? What holds you back?

If there is a desire in your heart which you have locked in some closet at the back of your mind, open that door. The key to unlocking that door is your own understanding—understanding you have a choice to do anything you wish to do.

## "... TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER"

Steve Meredeth  
1984-85 National FFA President

Going, going gone.  
The Auctioneer did say  
As we sat inside that auction barn  
On a cold, cold winter day.  
How smooth that cry came forth  
From him  
As they walked through in parade.  
A nod of the head, a bat of the eye,  
And another deal was made.  
I stood alert, eyes intent, as he closed the sale that day.  
I asked, "How? How can you make magic, by giving folks to pay?"  
With a hand on my shoulder and tears in his eyes.  
He said, "Son, let's be a lesson in life.  
For the man who desires most to be #1.  
Is the one who takes home the prize.  
It's more than just dollars, far more than scholars,  
More than some King of Empire.  
Life is loving, caring and giving.  
Success is created by desire.  
Those men bid with money in hand,  
They'll buy up to their hearts content.  
Others must bid by giving of self.  
Seeing others prosper through their time well spent.  
Remember, good friend," he said to me.  
"These values I've left lit to preach.  
All things are sold on the old auction block,  
And all things are within your reach.  
To bid, to buy, you'll wonder why I've shared these thoughts with you."

## FOOD FOR AMERICA

FFA tells the story

### FFA's NEW Food For America Program!

The new Food For America kits are now available. A special mini-program with coupon for a FREE set was mailed to your chapter in October. Additional kits are available through the National FFA Supply Service.

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and understanding you have the ability to develop vision into anything you wish to become.

Your understanding be backed by confidence which comes from knowing you will not let your dreams become passing thoughts. Let your confidence be backed by courage which comes from the faith that you will do your best.

Over 200 years ago the men and women of our country had a dream. The dream was for a country of freedom and prosperity. Their dreams were not in vain because they followed them. They took a desire for a new country, added hard work and a commitment to improvement and formed the United States of America.

God made the first settlers of the country in the same way He made us, both architects and carpenters, designers and builders. Those pioneers took their dreams and did something with them. Because they did they made a difference.

This convention will give you and opportunity to learn to laugh and to believe in yourself but most importantly, to believe in the dream that you must create in the next three days change you. Let them make a difference. Go through this convention as an architect discovering your dreams. Then go on a carpenter putting your dreams into action. (Lyrics from a Bob Seger song)

**"They call it understanding, a willingness to grow. I'm finally understanding there's so much I can know."**

Friends, there is so much you can know, there is so much you can do, there is so much you can be... if you will only follow your dreams.

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## "Where Have All the Heroes Gone?"

Mike Barrett  
1984-85 Central Region National Vice President

When I was younger, growing up in Nebraska, I would often get up early Saturday morning and watch those famous cartoon characters battle all odds and save the day by overcoming daunting villains. I used to marvel at the heroes who could be called in every situation and, regardless of the challenge, still come out on top.

These are our first heroes. Of course, as one grows older and matures it becomes more difficult to be impressed. Oh, I think we all still enjoy watching our favorite animated characters on television when they are called in to do or not. But the real world dictates a need to find living and breathing people who are confronting life's real life threats.

Our heroes today may range from Biblical characters to parents, political figures, great people in history, inventors, business associates, television and movie stars, or others.

Songs are composed, statues erected, books are written, buildings, bridges, and other structures are dedicated, even photographs appear on cereal boxes; all in the name of our heroes.

These heroes are very personal and no one would have the same hero for the exact same reasons. For example, in the cartoon we just viewed, many of us admire the underdog because he is underdog, his cleverness, confidence, and for his ability to outsmart Wile E. Coyote. For some, the statue of the cowboy, for his ultimate, forsome major catastrophe before they actually occur.

While on the other hand, some of us have an appreciation for Wile E. Coyote. No matter how many times he falls as a cliff, or is run over by a train, smashed by a falling boulder, he just keeps coming back and refuses to give up.

We as human beings each have unique perceptions of what our heroes should be. The one thing we have in common and share with others, regarding our heroes, is the simple fact that we all need them. These men and women provide role models to follow and create incentives, motivating personal growth.

So we seek out those who possess the qualities we admire, who handle adversity, who come closest in our eyes to living perfection. Individuals whose motives are to do whatever it takes to help others, and those who maintain a clean record projecting a heroic image.

Americans often admire dynamic leaders who give off a powerful, fearless presence. These are those we read about concerning great leaders of the past. However, one of the unfortunate truths about today's society is the fact that these leaders are becoming increasingly harder to find.

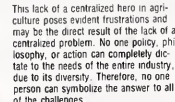
Whether it is because we know too much about those who violate. For example, politicians who are constantly subject to close scrutiny in the public eye and whose every step is taken under a microscope. Or because there are those who still fight for all in a particular profession like the drug industry and other illegal classes against certain athletes and musicians.

Or simply because we feel that the great leaders that once walked this earth led the people through adversity and action. (Lyrics from a Bob Seger song)

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Let us not, however, due to the absence of one such figure, overlook the heroes that do exist in agriculture. For there are many. They include those farmers and agribusiness people who have looked beyond the problems and have found within themselves a desire to continue and pursue their profession. They are taking a realistic approach. Learning from each day and making an effort to manage their enterprise as well as humanly possible. Men and women sincerely for quality over quantity, for adequacy over abundance, and believing hard work supports the rewards of success. They believe in education, in young people, and in the future of our industry.

Many times this year I have been treated like a hero. I have stayed in homes where family members have slept on the sofa so I could have a bed. Children have planned meetings and activities around my appearance. Daily lives are altered to accommodate my schedule.

When in Japan I was followed by police officers and I was greeted by clapping school children as we climbed out of our visiting bus. These times I will never allow the enormity of that treatment I shall cherish forever.

My role as a National FFA Officer has required me to take a great deal about myself. I have had to face the challenges this year whose main concern may or may not have been to speak clearly, but are what this organization is all about. It is because they are doing it. They are telling you what is going on. They are entrepreneurs taking risks, they are growing and they have what it takes to be successful in an ever-changing agriculture industry.

THEY ARE THE HEROES—AND THEY ARE YOU.

For young people today it is probably easier to shy away from agriculture because of the challenges than make an effort to become a part of it. By helping them make the effort and involving ourselves. Not because it is easy or because the present monetary reward is necessary, but because they can believe in agriculture and realize the repercussions if this industry should falter. They have the energy, the status, the pride, the integrity to be successful, and the character to share your success.

There is little question in my mind that you are of the same breed as the big badgers of the past. The education provided through vocational agriculture and FFA is strengthening that bond.

## Proceedings

## "Accept No Limitations"

Graham Boyd  
1984-85 Eastern Region Vice President

**"Just a little more time is all we're asking for. Just a little more time could open doors."**

**"Just a little more uncertainty can bring you down."**

**"And nobody wants to know you now."**

**"And nobody wants to show you how."**

**"So you're lost and on your own, you can never surrender."**

**"And if your path won't lead you home, you can never surrender."**

**"And when the night is cold and dark..."**

**"You can see, you can see light. You can see, you can take away your right to light and never surrender."**

Much too often we give that right which is ours away from ourselves. How many times have we the first week have to know you have been knocked down, dragged out and stepped on. You have tasted defeat at the tip of your tongue. You made me mad by your presence. Perhaps you were made fun of because of your eyes, ears, nose, teeth, hair, the way you walk, or the way you talk. Perhaps you were made fun of because you're in the FFA and wear that blue and gold jacket. It happens to us all. It happens to me.

Last week I experienced one of those feelings. Not in the last week but all my life. Times when it seems like you can never win—nobody can win. I know my now—nobody wants to know me. On occasions during this year, I've felt lost, on my own and the path I was walking was not what I needed. The easiest thing I could do was to give up. Surrender my cause to alien obstacles.

This is so that when it is a lot of difficult situations is many of us give up? I've always heard that, "When times get tough, tough people get going." In a sense, that's true. But there has been a setback in my life. On occasions tough times would come around and had already gone. I ran. I ran because I was scared. I wasn't scared so much by the situation, rather, I was afraid of the outcome. I guess I'm afraid that my efforts will sell me short of success.

There's nothing wrong with being afraid. Fear is a feeling we all experience. Some of us are afraid of the dark, some of us are afraid of death. Many of us are afraid of failure and defeat. And I believe that all of us are afraid of the unknown. Looking sometimes into the shadows of one's life is all the events that mold one's life. And because we are afraid of change in our lives, we seldom take the chance to venture in pursuit of our wildest dreams because many of us miss out on the opportunities that could have become the journey of a lifetime. Seven years ago I was a high school freshman in vocational agriculture. I can cite many examples of times when I felt short of achievement primarily because I was afraid to invest 100% of my effort into taking a chance. I tried out for the cross-country in my freshman year, but I didn't even get to represent my school in the local contest. A once in a lifetime chance—gone. And I blamed my advisor for not pushing the other way ahead of me. I knew that I was a better speaker and maybe I was, but because he went instead of me I was, because he was a little bit better than I was. You've seen award winners on the stage the past two days, and those awards aren't just handed out. These people earned through dedication and hard work. Over the years, there were numerous contests I could have been a part of, championships I touched—until I was never even chapter president. Not because I didn't want to, but because I didn't try. I believed enough. You've got to do more than want it. You've got to go for it.

I came to this convention two years ago and it was my first time. I was in a snowy afternoon walking over to that first session. Inside the auditorium was warm with enthusiasm generated by hundreds of FFA members. The band played, the chorus sang, the gavel was tapped and the convention began. It was the most exciting event I had ever experienced. I'll never forget sitting here as an Official FFA Delegate in the second seat, in the second row, watching a life of the life of a former FFA Officer named Jerry Linton. The film spoke about the impact that the year as a national officer had on Linton's life. The whole of Linton's success was that, "To get

going you've got to get started and to get ahead you can never quit! You can never give up. You can never surrender!" But the part I remember most is remembering the most in that film, was the caption, "Happy Are Those Who Dream Dreams"

It was at that same convention, that I watched a close friend of mine and my roommate when I return to college. Marty Coates, deliver his retiring address. He said that his year as a national secretary had been a dream come true.

Needless to say, I too had been a dream come true. I won to someday return to Kansas City and stand on this very stage delivering my retiring address. Of course it happened in my lifetime. I will forever have lasting memories of the places I've gone, experiences encountered and most of all, the special people who have met and had the chance to share with. Fellow FFA members, you are the reward that makes me all worthwhile. You showed me the Rocky Mountain Club and the great events have molded my life in twelve short months, but the part that means the most is that I was able to experience a sense of self-imposed limitations of everyone from the state officers and students down to the tip of Florida, to the State Officer who stepped in for me in Washington. You're the part I'll never forget. Mom and Dad and all the folks who have been in my life. I can't thank you enough for your part in what happened a year ago.

There is one other person I wish to share many thanks, for in just a few short months I have been able to share my year is all about. It was in April at the Missouri State Convention. Many of the activities were completed and people were departing for home. I was talking with State President Brad Hasenberger, when several members of the Herman FFA Chapter walked over and asked if the two of us would walk to the hospital across the street to visit Tom Engert. As we were walking over, they asked if I would present Tom with a State Proficiency Award that he would receive. I said yes. I said yes, and asked what had happened to Tom. They explained that Tom was having difficulty with his leg. February and had somehow the tractor rolled over pinning Tom's legs for over 3 hours before he was found. He suffered a broken leg. He had been in the hospital ever since. Just three days prior to our visit, doctors told Tom that he would never walk again. But you all know how well known by the look on Tom's face when he heard that that proficiency award that day. He was so happy. He was in the room. Not necessarily because of the fact that I gave him the award, or that he had won the award, or that he was excited to receive the award. He was excited because he was one step closer to a dream come true. Tom told me that next year he was going to walk across that convention stage and receive his proficiency award. All I could say was, "I believe you can do it." His response was, "Yes, I believe I can. (looking down at me) I can accept no limitations."

Let me ask you, what are your limitations? Do you think they could be melted? And if you think they could be melted, simply because they are falling short of giving them a chance?

Never be afraid to dream dreams. Always be a dreamer. Because we live in a dream world, I can promise that dreams make the world a much better place to live. Whether you will admit it or not, everyone has a dream. Something that makes your eye sparkle. A person you would like to become, a place you would like to master, a goal you want to win. One thing that is evident is that each of us are born with a certain amount of God given potential. It is up to each of us that all of us had what it takes to be successful in our own areas of expertise. It's called potential. Potential is what you have to make a dream. All that holds you back are those self-imposed limitations.

I remember how stunned and flattered I was on the National Business and Industry Tour in February during a visit to the United States headquarters of a Japanese farm implement company. Upon arrival, the president of the company, a small Japanese man, greeted us with enthusiasm. Then took great interest in our conversation. Before our stay was up, he disappeared in his closet and after a few moments returned with several neatly wrapped gifts. Smiling, he handed each of us a box and proclaimed us... heroes, young American heroes.

It wasn't until after we'd gone that I realized he was not just talking about those of us in the room. The gentleman was actually speaking to the 430,000 of you, who our conversation was based around. Although he could not reward every member with a gift, he shared with me the crunch and pressure he was under. Although he could not reward every member with a gift, he shared with me the crunch and pressure he was under. Although he could not reward every member with a gift, he shared with me the crunch and pressure he was under.

Throughout this address, it has not been my intention to project a self image. I would feel that inappropriate, for I have had so many incredible experiences these past years.

My heroes I choose to share with you the strong belief that I have that heroes do indeed still exist, perhaps more now than before.

My heroes this year have included my parents for their commitment to me. My friends at home in Nebraska who I may not have always kept that well in touch with, but who have not forgotten me. My fellow national officers, who have very different, strong personalities, but who give for the FFA will never change. And you, the members, for sharing a part of yourselves with me. You have helped me to realize that my status isn't measured by how many heroes we have, or by how heroic we are considered to be by others, but rather by the ability to find the hero within ourselves.

Although we search for our ideal heroes similar to those ones we watched, we must keep in mind that animated heroes may fit the image and may never lose, but they also may never improve, never change, never age, never mature, and never grow. Weech after we built the same old villains with the same old methods.

Life's real challenges may be greater than the outcome less predictable, but there is a true satisfaction in handling each situation in a unique and different way, and to progress from life's uncertainty and fear.

There is no guarantee in life that we will always come out on top. However, there is a guarantee that if we apply our best efforts, grasping at a little bit better, we will grow.

To sum up my feelings today as I address you for the final time as your National Central Region Vice President, I would like to share with you the words found on a poster that was presented to me by a state officer, upon retirement from office in Nebraska from a very good friend. These words are quite simple, yet at this special time seem very profound and very appropriate. I said, "I'VE SEEN NOW THE FUTURE, BUT THE PAST REMAINS."

Mike Barrett, Route 1, Box 5, Mead, Nebraska 68041, (402) 234-6635.



In your quest for the top, try not to measure your success on other people's standards, but on your own standards. For you must live with the outcome of your own efforts in each of life's events. Only you can choose the rewards of a life well-lived, chosen by the dreams you dream. Goals you set and deeds well done. Today may be your only chance. It's true that things do come to those who wait, but it's always the things that are left behind by the people who hustle and get them first. I've found that nothing in life is true. Nothing worth having. You've got to work hard for all you'll ever get. No one owes you anything. You owe it to yourself to get the most out of life. Dream dreams of fashionable accomplishments. Give your own guarantee.

Regardless of how many years of life God blesses one with, life is still a term of service. A tour of duty to better our world by bettering ourselves. On the wall of Mr. Sweeney's beauty shop hangs a plaque which reads:

**"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."**

**Lord, will you give me the comprehension to understand the thoughts of my own mind?**

**Is it love and joy which I'm seeking to find?**

**Put words in my mouth to express the feeling in my heart.**

**Lord I don't mean to ask you to live out my life. Just give me some direction to start."**

For me it all started with a dream in the second seal of the second row second year ago. I stand before you today as proof that sometimes dreams do come true. After the last twelve months I truly believe in that caption, "Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true." It is a fact—that I have yet to write a novel on the bestseller list. Nor have I climbed the peak of Mt. Everest and I have never orbited around the earth or even sailed across the seas on my globe. But, I have however, served a tremendous twelve month term as a National Officer in the Future Farmers of America Organization, and I truly thank you all for the chance and what it has meant to me in my life.

Now, as my time in office quickly comes to a close, I could have you many challenges, of all the things I have learned this year. And if this year teaches me nothing else it has taught me those who dream dreams do dream. But even that is not enough. If you truly desire to excel in life, my friends—

you must never give up, never surrender and absolutely, accept no limitations! Graham Boyd, Route 1, Box 5, Newtown, North Carolina 27855, (919) 927-3320.



## "Let Yourself Go!"

Nanci Mason  
1984-85 Southern Region Vice President

Just about eight thousand eight hundred sixty-six hours have passed since I first ran up onto this stage to stand with Brad. My heart must have been beating a mile-a-minute as we watched Graham, Mike, Michael and Steve dash up the stairs to join us. In a matter of minutes we were elected as the 1984-85 National FFA Officer Team. Soon after that we were whisked away for a seemingly endless series of photos and interviews.

What a feeling! Can you imagine what must have been going through our minds?

In a few days it was back to reality and I'm once again walking across campus at Mississippi State to meet with physical

I think. Studying for the finals! I would soon be taking exams to be especially difficult to do—even more so than school. What is about to happen to my ever so predictable lifestyle? What have I gotten into this time? Am I ready for this?

Letting go. Yes, that's it. Turning from the taken for granted familiarities of life and trying something totally new, exciting and unpredictable. No, it isn't easy to do, but I've learned that decisions to make similar to that time and time again. So there forsa the convenience of the sun for the thrill of the unpredictable? Sure, I do.

This year has been, for me, one adventure followed by yet another from Brennan to South Weymouth, Ringgold to Cascade. I almost gave up on snow skiing on the bunny hill at 49 degrees North. During that experience, I at least managed to leave my mark, for every time I fell, a blue (National Blue, of course) spot would remain from my new blue pants. Five months later I'm in Omaha, Nebraska, solving the problems of the world with Joe and the others of the Two Rivers FFA Chapter.

Why is it that I am reminded of these things? Simply because the main elements which have made this year so worthwhile are the characteristics that my friends, have shared with me. You, the one of you yourselves, and deeply care for others often shines like a beacon on a moonless night.

All of the aforementioned combine with the other aspects of our lives to make America what it is today. It was just a year ago when my nine year old sister, who often asked your uncle one day while I was home, why we (my parents and I) think that the United States is such a great place to live. Nearly in unison we responded, "Because we are free, here, in America."

What does it mean to be free? Just what is this attitude we call freedom? Do we have the most American citizen, the parts of our constitution, with all of its conditions included whether or not they're mentioned. It's part of life, it's history tells us that we may worship as we desire, say what we wish, but the greatest freedom of all is the ability and capability to be ourselves as individuals, sharing and caring for one another. It was this that led our predecessors to make the discovery of what we know as the American Dream. Just as we cannot regulate the dreams and fantasies of a child, neither can our dreams be controlled. We are free to exercise our rights and privileges that are ours as U.S. citizens and the possibilities of what we can achieve and become are endless. Yes, it's almost that easy.

The first step is very possibly the most difficult to take—letting our reservations go and going ahead to reach for the things things seemed only to be insurmountable levels of achievement!

Acting as a young spokesperson for the agricultural industry for the last twelve months, I have become very closely linked to the troubled times being faced by our nation's agriculturists. In addition to the problems I said are ours as U.S. citizens and the possibilities of what we can achieve and become are endless. Yes, it's almost that easy.

There is only one success, "I once read, "to be able to spend your life in your own way." Where, but here, in America—from Alaska to Puerto Rico and from the state of Maine to Hawaii!

In a few short days I'll walk off this stage for the last time. I won't be too long and I'll find myself on the grassy campus at Mississippi State again, but this year with you will make even the mundane task of going to school fun and studying not quite so routine. Because we, yes you and I, are pioneers as we seek to follow our own dreams and dreams. Just as I've seen you this year, continue to believe that, "When you have a dream don't let anything diminish it, keep going, keep trying, and you will be the limit!" And may God continue to bless you all!

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## "If It Never Rains . . ."

Brad Bass  
1984-85 Western Region Vice President

**Little flowers never worry when the wind begins to blow And they never never cry when the rain begins to fall Though it's wet and it's cold soon the sun will shine again Then they'll smile unto the world for their beauty to behold When the clouds begin to gather and the storms begin to brew Little flowers don't complain Oh they're tossing to and fro Oh I guess they've learned the secret they don't let that because they know if it never never rains then they'll never never grow. So let it rain, let it rain let it pour**

**Let it trouble keep on knocking at the door of my life We learn the right from wrong It will help to make us strong Lord please help us learn the secret even little flowers know if it never never rains, then we'll never never grow**

With only a few warning moments left as an active FFA member, I find myself in the struggle searching for the words to capture the last seven years I have spent in an organization from which I have greatly benefitted. In the search for words that I can use to express words from the song which you just heard, "If It Never Rains."

Perhaps, we could dedicate a speech to the mass which talks from the heavens above. The rain, of course, is the catalyst which determines the outcome of a harvest. Traveling this year, I have seen the importance of rain in the agriculture industry for yielding bumper crops or drought stricken crops. The harvest which I speak of though not not be measured in bushels or tons, but in the aspirations of individuals to grow to the potential each possesses.

In the society we live, often we are closed in, surrounded, and harassed by only the pessimism of situations. The agriculture industry, the nation's largest industry, obviously comes under fire from those with outlooks for a bleak future. As in industry, the most important key is the people who manage and produce the results. Having been associated with the vocational agriculture and FFA educational system, I can appreciate the outlook which I have for our nation's most important industry. There is no doubt that we are experiencing a storm, and though we may be tossed to and fro we can persevere and succeed. I have observed that those who face adversity are often those who end up with the great successes. This troubled history many times is repeated, but for us as an individual can make those differences in the future.

You have the chance to make an impact on the people, industry, and government. Not long ago I sat quietly in my home pondering thoughts concerning my own address. I calculated the figure that if I live the next twenty years old of my life would have been spent in the FFA.



however, the one-tenth spent in the FFA has prepared me for the rest of my life. To serve, communicate, and produce in fields of agriculture. It is not by chance or fate that I am here today. As a Greenhead like many of you, the seed was planted and nurtured by a man which I came to admire. Charles Stretcher was just that man, my vocational agriculture teacher who cultivated me as an individual provided me the opportunity to witness a loss, often called that person taking the loss and making it a success.

This speech has to be dedicated to many of the thousands here today. As I traveled this year I often met young people with that glimpse of nurtured seed. Seeing the chagrin and bewilderment which circumstances presented upon them to witness a loss, often called that person taking the loss and making it a success.

In anyone's life there is a time when there is the question of should I continue. Progressing through the FFA became something I began to enjoy in the early years of FFA. The offices, contests, applications all came easy, but at times I wondered is this enough. With guidance from advisors, I worked to reach my goal of state president. Freshman to senior, I have grown just as little flowers eventually mature.

As easily as the maturity came into my life, it did not leave me. It was towards the end of my senior year I learned of my dear friend's struggle to combat cancer. Mr. Stretcher had worked so hard for me as well as thousands of FFA members throughout the years I had to idly sit back and watch as a man slowly diminished from the disease. It could have been easy for me to quit, however, I stood upon the stage in San Antonio to give that speech and eventually become state president in

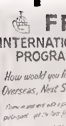
Texas. Again, in Lubbock, where I presented, the memory of Charles Stretcher stayed with me, encouraging me to try. Even today, I feel that presence with me, and reflected to a saying which says, "Success comes from simply giving your best." On stage in San Antonio I remember saying that if I could make as much difference as Charles Stretcher had over the years, I wanted that opportunity.

Today, before thousands, I have that last opportunity to make a difference as an FFA member here. It is my hope that you realize, no matter where you are in life, as an FFA member or not, had you met me and reach the potential that exists within you. When the winds begin to blow, when the rain begins to fall, and you're tossed to and fro don't worry, the sun will shine again. There is a new day which dawns for you and the proud American heritage of agriculture. You can thank God for all the difference. Let it rain, because without it, I will remain the same and slowly begin to wither. Take those tough times and make them your victories.

**"Look to this day for it is I live the very life I see every yesterday is a memory and tomorrow is still a vision But a day well lived makes every yesterday a memory of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."**

Live to your potential, nurture your dreams, and thank God for all your freedoms and blessings which you so freely enjoy. Brad Bass, P.O. Box 944, Mt. Vernon, Texas 75457, (214) 660-3563.

# the National FFA Participants



Work Experience Abroad (WEA) participates cooperatively with over 25 countries on every continent to give FFA members an opportunity to travel and learn different agricultural practices by living with a host family. WEA also places foreign incoming students on farms across the United States.

## WEA Outbound Students

Arizona: Dickey Jay Hill, Tracy Sloan; **California:** Kelly Cunningham, Mike Cunningham; **Colorado:** Rhonda Brandt; **Connecticut:** Rose Marie Balla, Alyson Hargrave, Elizabeth Sinclair; **Florida:** Kathy Abbotson, Collette Alder; **Georgia:** Gregory Watts, Michael Watts; **Crossby:** Kirk Krimble; **Illinois:** Jerry Adams, Randy Gid, Jeff Hays; **Indiana:** Kulkah, Doug Laumbusis, Gina Marna, Becky Settles; **Idaho:** Telford, Paula Waggoner; **Indiana:** Joe Nether, Joe Nether; **Kansas:** Gerry Gourley, Tim Huff; **Kansas:** Linda Benfante, Tim Huff; **Idaho:** Fred Hersche, Jeanette Jones, Terry Paulsen, Dawn Russell, Paul Zede; **Kentucky:** Carl Davis, Louisiana: Oscar Taylor, Massachusetts: Kevin Kirby, Michigan: Clint Barrett, Michael Barrett; **Minnesota:** Kim Balte, Kristin Bogart, Mary Buschette, Catherine Corey, Tim Finnegan; **Todd:** Laura, David Topler; **Missouri:** Ch-Chi Kleiman, Montana: Thomas Lechner, Kent Sullivan, Tyg Williams; **Nebraska:** Kevin Brant, New Hampshire: Luis Dumas; **Nevada:** Mike Nix; **Jersey:** Randy Hubschmitt; **Nebraska:** Mike Nix; **New Jersey:** Jennifer Brunner, Ferguson; **Kent:** Betsy Peck, Van, Ariane Vaccaro, Von Sverdlov; **North Carolina:** Thomas Mackon; **North Dakota:** Lance Gardner, Raedeen Hoppel; **Keller:** Mitch Lee, Rhonda Novak; **Ohio:** Julie Althouse, David Gaeke, James Durkin, Teresa Lynn Gaeke, Ann Garmke, Mike Pecker, Kerry Ryan, Oregon: Dennis Bacher, Tracy Busma, Shanna Doldo, Richard Eilers, Anita Henry, Kevin House, Errol McGinn, Frank Prizzi, Laurie Roper, Greg, Eric Schoenborn, Greg Snook

Karen Wermecke, Timothy White; **Oklahoma:** Sheri Duncan, James Lyons Mudd, Lisa Oliver, Shelley Dixon, Lyle Rogers, Denise Ruhl, Glen Shouler, Mary Willis; **Pennsylvania:** Amy Dugan, Steve Flacher, Bruce Slickney, Chris Thompson, Tammy Young; **Puerto Rico:** Nelson Bayona, Jose Gonzalez, Jose Gonzalez, Jose Saez, Esteban Vase, **South Dakota:** Tim Harwood, Stacey Daman, Sue Wika; **Tennessee:** Rhonda Rose, Texas: Starr Damm, Patrick Jackson, Troy Nelson, Randy Toulson; **Utah:** Mollie Johnson; **Vermont:** Ezekiel Brown, Helena Glasko; **Virginia:** Roy Dean, Richard Owen, Washington: Marvin Abbot, John Born, Debra Curfman, Kirsten Schultz, Wisconsin: Corinne Anheuser, Robert Dugan, John Dugan, Robin Robinson, Carolyn Dye, Dan Fritz, Larry Fryer, Heidi Goodman, Russel Johnson, John Johnson, John Johnson, Leslie Holth, Shari Houtmaker, Karen Kaczmarek, Nadine Krell, Todd Kohler, Pamela Marks, Harvey Menzies, Per Muschko, Bill Olson, Penny Jo Rober, Barbara Schultz, Conroy Scott, Scott Swain, Eric Thornton, Julie Tolle, Steven Van Lanen, Mike Van Lanen, Alfred David, David Wiegand, Margaret Zwett; **Wyoming:** Vern Hovland; **Australia:** Kathryn Hampel, David Voght, Megan Walker, Trevor Wright

## WEA Inbound Students

Australia, Austria, Belgium, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Peru, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom



# National FFA Band

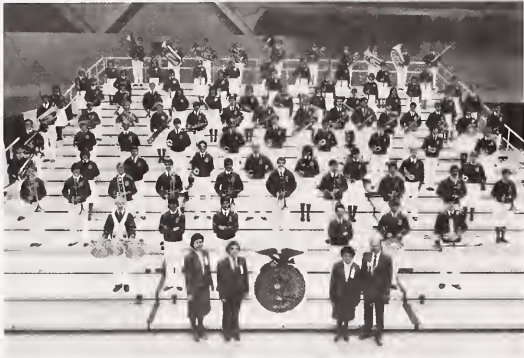
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FFA musicians directed by Roger Heath, Boulder, Colorado, presented a great variety of musical selections after having been together less than a week. Mr. Heath was aided by Assistant Director Gene Engler, Chaparrons and Assistants to the Director, Mrs. Gene Engler and Mary Heath. Members were selected from audition tapes and brought together for the first time on Sunday before the convention to practice the music they would perform throughout the convention.

**Alabama:** Brent Bridges, Scottboro.  
**Bisson:** Arizona: David Keys, Mesa.  
**Trumpet:** Arkansas: Gary McWilliams, Prescott, Tulsa, Connecticut: Karen Johnson, Somer, Flute: Georgia: Tommy Brown, Hazlehurst, Percussion:

**Idaho:** Paula Broncheau, Culedas.  
**Trumpet:** Alan Fuller, Blackfoot, Trombone, Illinois: Paul Cassidy, Warsaw, Tulsa: Mike Gustafson, Byron, Trumpet, David Moelling, Fowler, Trombone, Ken Ramsey, Caledonia, Percussion, Illinois: Jeff Bauman, S. Bern, Percussion, Eric Ernberger, Angola, Baritone: Sherry Leg, Waynetown, Clarinet, Kevin Palmer, Montpelier, Tulsa, Shultz, Brookton, Basson: Melvin Stowers, Rensselaer, Tulsa: Iowa: Dean Bostan, Belle Plaine, Alto Saxophone: Jon Bell, Eldon, Trombone, Keith England, Iowa Falls, Baritone Sax, Carla Kehrel, Nashua, French Horn: Dean Schmitz, Marian, Percussion, Crystal Voshell, Melvint, Baritone Sax, Tim Wahls, Postville, Clarinet, Barth Walter, Guttenberg, Tulsa: Kansas: Anne Kraus, Phillipsburg, Flute, Matt Mills, Maple Hill, Tenor Sax: Charles Stues, Man, Osage City, Tulsa: Kentucky: Bobby Phelps, Fredonia, Trumpet, Jeanne Thorn, Almo, Trumpet, Massachusetts: Jennifer Bidingier, Union Bridge, Trumpet, Sheila Leatherman, Frederick, Flute, Paul MacPherson, Bridgeview, Percussion, Michigan: Douglas Austin, Thompsonville, Clarinet, Nancy Engle, Coopersville, Oboe/Twistler: Dale Jackson, Lakeview, Trombone: Shawn Ross, Webberville, Trombone, Minnesota: Karla Burzatt, W. Concord, Oboe, Kevin Dooy, Spring Grove, Trumpet, Chris Kanda, Wyoming, Flute: Mark Lundquist, Mt. Lake, Tulsa: Mississippi: Kevin Herrera, Water Valley, Trombone, Kevin Nitch, Jackson, Alto Sax, Brad Sarrette, Water Valley, Tulsa, Missouri: Lora Daugherty, Tecumseh, Clarinet, Chris Dumm, Jasper, Trumpet, Chuck Garner, Jasper, Trumpet, Garick Hen, Boonville, Trumpet, Brian Millard, Mayville, Trombone, Montana: Jon Campbell, Hobson, Trumpet, Ullrich Hill, Power, Bass Clarinet, Nebraska: Me-

inda Frank, Verdigris, Clarinet; Maureen Freeman, North Bend, Clarinet; Brenda Johnson, Riverton, Clarinet, Dan Rose, Blue Hill, Trumpet, Kathy Ulte, Verdigris, Clarinet, New Jersey: Joanne Badras, New Hildorf, Flute, New Mexico: Altrido Macias, Bayard, Tulsa, New York: Laun Bergs, Odgenburg, Trumpet, Cyndie Shearing, Perry, French Horn, North Carolina: Erik Page, Caryville, Tenor Sax, North Dakota: Perrin Aus, Norwich, Tenor Saxophone, Lee Brooks, Rhame, Trumpet, Brian Kruse, Kender, Trombone, Paul Seftwood, Maddock, Alto Sax, Ohio: Kim Crocher, Versailles, Clarinet, Chris Deeter, Milford, Euphonium, Greg Dellinger, Milford Center, Trumpet, Wayne Dellinger, Milford Center, French Horn, Rachel James, Hamilton, Clarinet, Tammy Kent, Dallas, Clarinet, Mark Stenhouse, Quantance, Trombone, Tim Truster, Hamilton, French Horn, Doris Warren, Union City, Flute, Oklahoma: Lesley Val Adams, Westford, Trumpet, Pam Ball, Stillwell, Trumpet, Connie Dolz, Billings, Clarinet, Donald Kjesek, Medford, Trumpet, Michele Rhoades, Lawton, Clarinet, Mark Stephens, Ft. Gibson, Trumpet, Oregon: Kirk Farchild, Independence, Bass Clarinet, South Dakota: Tom Duenwald, Hoven, Trombone, Kerry Kramer, Marion, Saxophone, Tennessee: Odi Carnick, E. Gates, Bass Clarinet, Texas: Ty Clevenger, Gladeview, Baritone, Cynthia Drake, Alvin, Flute, Kris Sheely, Katy, Flute, Kelly Spencer, Galena, Tulsa, Washington: Darren Bohl, Aberdeen, Trombone, Cheryl Chapman, Wenatchee, Clarinet, David Hopson, Walla Walla, Sax, Nevada: Jen-Breyer, Clarinet, Wisconsin: Amy Ott, Wonevick, Clarinet, Wyoming: Kent Averett, Lovell, Percussion, Douglas Brown, Sheridan, Percussion, Douglas Emmett, Lovell, Bass Clarinet



# National FFA Chorus

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FFA members from all over, auditioned by tape to become members of the National FFA Chorus are directed by Stan Kingma, Vineland, New Jersey. Others involved with the National FFA Chorus were: Owen Robbins, Accompanist and Assistant Director, Butch Taylor, Assistant Director, Marilyn Kingma, Chaparrons and Assistant to the Director and Mrs. Butch Taylor, Chaparrons and Assistant to the Director. Chorus members arrived early for the intense practice necessary to provide the quality entertainment experienced by those in attendance at this national convention.

**Alabama:** Mary Pace, Scottsboro; **Arkansas:** Karen Christensen, Hatfield; **Brian Lea, Rogers, Georgia:** Rodney Jenkins, Winder; Dermok Jones, Monroeville; Catherine Shiver, Arabi; **Idaho:** Kimberly Miller, Mesa; Lori Sutton, Midvale; Michele Turman, Inkorn; **Illinois:** Carle Griffin, Payson; Gayle Rankin, West Point; **Indiana:** Gary Allen, Kokomo; Brian Burgen, Whitefield; Harold Crook, Sharpville; Dale Patrick, Plymouth; Melinda Schultz, Argos; Brent Vance, Waynetown; Iowa: Dawn Drost, Marion; Julianne Haywood, Union; Lance Herbold, Kingsley; Steve Kiewiet, Buffalo Center; Scott Kinney, Casey; Matt Meyers, West Liberty; Heidi Mills, Iowa Falls; Ronald Muller, Monticello; **Kansas:** Natalie Doud, Muskogee, Kyle Hughes, Anthony; Jeff Moss, Millvale; Tiffany Pappan, Arkansas City; Christina Powell, Monarko; Robert Reves, Westmoreland; Mike Scott, Midvale; **Michigan:** Rick Eby, Rudyard; **Minnesota:** Tim Frank, Hancock, Je-

nine Grothe, Benson; Michael Henning, Brewster; Darwin Johnson, Vergas; Jill Koehl, Hancock; Michael Maderly, Kasson; Margaret Smith, Brewster; Kimberly Wetzel, Waterbury; **Missouri:** Kevin Cherry, West Plains; Kevin Gabe, Thayer; Garrick Hen, Boonville; Allen Henry, Excelsior; Suzie Henson, Nevada; Danny Keene, Salem; Rachel McDonald, Alton; Walter Miller, Arabela; Martha Pillard, Middletown; Mark Purinton, Lamar; Chad Reynolds, Harrisburg; **Nebraska:** Scott Buer, Scobey; Thomas Minow, Olive; **Nebraska:** James Nygren, Mead; Janet Packer, Wood River; Ryan Place, Wilber; Brian Sandell, Bassett; **New Jersey:** John Torrance, Oxford; **New Mexico:** Larry Harding, Moriarty; Jay Pack, Mel-

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Frazier, Sulphur Springs; Holly Haque, Sulphur Springs; Kristina Kern, Houston; Utah: Candice Crane, Salina; Washington: Joli Davis, Grono; Laurie Leslie, Cheilan; Julie Roberts, Yelm; Michael Vandyle, Colfax; West Virginia: Pamela Ash, Alms; Victoria Kelly, Barboursville; Wisconsin: Ralph Hays, Thorp; Tammy Luepke, Bondell; Karen Wright, Amery

# National FFA Talent

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Talent groups and individuals audition for directors, Don and Martha Erickson, Makoti, North Dakota, just prior to the convention. Members provide a wide range of entertainment all during the convention.

**Alabama:** West Jefferson—Bo Andrews, Greg Terry, Daryl Shackelford, Kenneth Swinney, Troy—Patty Brannan, Kathy Knight, Andy Shirley, Jason Gado, Arizona: Gilbert—Rae Kent, Ken Smith, Brent Chanley, Deer Valley—Rochell Satterfield, Arkansas: Delight—Ginger Allgood, Colorado: Arickson—Gwen Anderson, Delaware: Lake Forest—Reenie Swain, Ohio: Liano, Florida: Lake Gibson—Gilbert Hancock, Plant City—Becky Lewis, Utah: West Wernington, Illinois: Nokomis—Susan Hoffman, Indiana: Springs Valley—Carol Moffatt, Iowa: Riceville—Ruth Lindemeyer, Susan Lindemeyer, Kansas: Phillipsburg—Sally Hoxson, Linda Detmer, Doreall Deby, Kim Patterson, Janet Meyer, Neal Roth, John Shaw, Central

Heights—Steven Haight, Travis Haight, Kentucky: Hickman County—Janet Slayden, Michigan: Benzie Central—Tina Casey, Breckenridge—Casey Valliere, Minnesota: Perham—Wlene Parani, Missouri: Hartville—Christina Gibbs, Tarkio—Jack Bailey, David Bussard, Eddie King, Garold Sparks, Robbie Smith, Jesse Kute, Nebraska: Ord—Jeanne Stubb, Lynette Stubb, Andy Brathauer, Scott Vancura, Jay Knapp, Nevada: Pahranagat Valley—Peggy Sue Whipple, North Carolina: Madison—Casey Merrill, Stephen Briggs, David Robinson, Greg Toller, North Dakota: Ederline—Cynthia Sprunk, Dean Tolbrinson, David Stordalen, John Belling, Nathan Schlicht; Nebraska: West Hill—Rod Roeman, New York: Sharon Springs—Kerry Ann

Kennedy, New Mexico: Hondo—Alice Booky, Oile Swiss Hills—Patrick Brown, Tawakania—Dawana Lee Gebbard, Oklahoma: Hooker—Fred Fischer; Tecumseh—Melissa Hembree, Pennsylvania: Parkersburg—Laurie Duran; State College—David Seamans, Bill Hoffman, Cindy Braken, Joyce Harpster, Emily Peters, Tammy McTavish, Jenny Nuss, Leigh Fryck, Bob Rider, Go Carl, Brian Harpster, Jeff Martin, Mart Duck, Kathy Rider, Texas: Est Benard—Dwayne Boehman, Van Alstyne—Staci Burk, Ysleta—Carlos

Garbay, Praeland—Aubry Allen, Stacy Reinger, Deana Watson, Lela Hines, Robert Nichols, John Allen, Allen Huddleston, Tony Ouchon, Darren Mowery, Robbie Cannol, Washington: Toledo—Rob Enbody, Newport—Marianne Miller, Wisconsin: Randon Lake—Sara Rathke, Cary Rathke, Wye Goebring, Bloomer—Lisa Mullen, Montello—Kristen Schrimpl

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# American Farmer Degree

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These members were honored with the highest degree of FFA membership in the American Farmer Degree Ceremony for their outstanding Supervised Occupational Experience programs and leadership activities. Less than two members out of 1000 receive this degree—the American Farmer gold key.

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# Stars Over America

These are the highest honors for FFA members in production agriculture and agribusiness. Regional stars are picked from the many applications for the American Farmer Degree. Each Star received \$2000 and each regional star received \$1000. The Stars were announced after the Stars Over America Pageant which included a multi-image audio-visual presentation on each regional star's program.

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## Star Farmers

**Mike Arends, 21**, son of Roger and Orlia Arends of Willmar, Minnesota, is the 1985 Central Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. Arends farms 900 acres of corn, oats and soybeans and produces 500 pigs a year through his farrowing operation. He began his enterprise by entering in a sharecropping agreement with his grandfather to farm 33 acres. He is also one of few individuals who have earned two FFA proficiency awards, one in agricultural mechanics and the other in crop production.

**David C. Sutherland, 20**, son of Hugh and Irene Sutherland of Hobart, New York, is the 1985 Eastern Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. He is herd manager for Chapel Bank Farm, a 150-cow registered Holstein dairy farm. Two years ago, David, his father and brother-in-law pooled their assets and formed a partnership with the dairy and 217 acres of land. He uses embryo transplants as well as artificial insemination to improve his herd.

**John Edwards, 21**, son of Jerry and Becky Edwards of LaFollette, Tennessee, is the 1985 Southern Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. He farms 250 acres of land and operates a herd of 53 registered dairy cows in partnership with his father. John supplements his income by working as a local American Breeders Service representative and by doing custom tobacco seed bed sterilization.

**Bryan L. Tucek, 19**, son of Jerry and Mary Lou Tucek of Melba, Idaho, is the 1985 Western Region Star Farmer of the National FFA Organization. Tucek began his Supervised Occupational Experience (SOE) in vocational agriculture with 20 acres of corn and three Holstein heifers. Today he assists his older brother and father with a 900-cow dairy operation and 1,800 acres of alfalfa, field corn, barley and potatoes. He owns 101 head of his own dairy cattle and is in the process of forming a limited partnership with his father and brother.



## Star Agribusinessmen

**Tim Price, 21**, son of David and Mary Price of Bloomington, Wisconsin, is the 1985 Central Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. Price is a mechanic at his family operated farm equipment dealership. Servicing a full line of Massey Ferguson, Sperry New Holland and White Farm equipment is the responsibility of Price and his brother, while his mother serves as accountant and his father is the manager of the business.

**Valerie Parks, 21**, daughter of Alton and Naomi Parks, Columbus, Ohio, is the 1985 Eastern Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. A combination of sheep farming and agricultural broadcasting gives Parks an agricultural perspective from both sides of the fence. She has taken her knowledge and experience of sheep farming to a career in agricultural communications where she serves as board technician, production manager, NAFS Newline manager, salesperson and farm editor for WABN radio and T.V.

**Scott Cochran, 20**, son of Fred and Louise Cochran, Loxvona, Georgia, is the 1985 Southern Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. Cochran has been working at Whitworth Feed Mills in Loxvona since he was a sophomore in high school. Since then, he has been promoted from yardman to mechanic and finally mill manager. As mill manager, he is responsible for maintaining work schedules, competitive bidding purchases and grain purchases.

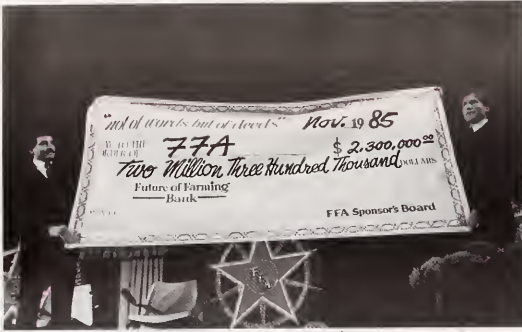
**Paul Burrell, 21**, son of Bryan and Mary Sue Burrell, Fairview, Oklahoma, is the 1985 Western Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA Organization. Burrell has over \$24,000 invested in his family owned John Deere dealership, owns 116 head of beef cattle and farms 410 acres of wheat, alfalfa and peas. He is studying agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University emphasizing marketing and business.



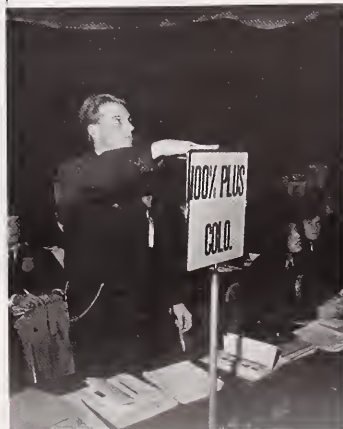
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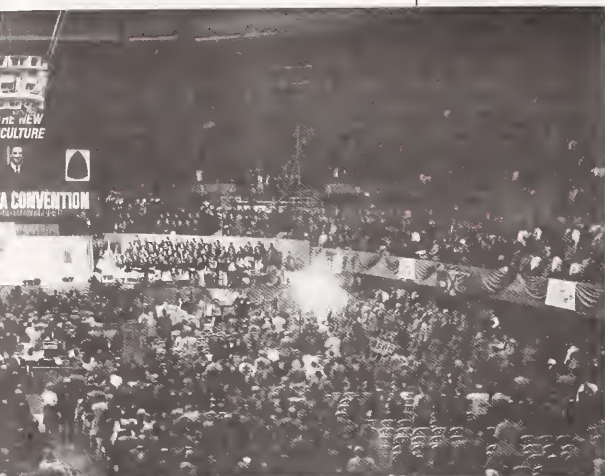
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# Building Our American Communities

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Building Our American Communities (BOAC) awards recognize chapters who have committed all their members to making their community a better place to live and work through special community improvement projects.

**National Winner (Eastern Region)—Marion County, West Virginia**  
The Marion County FFA Chapter, Farmington, West Virginia, is the winner of the National FFA Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program. Bringing prosperity to their community through tourism was the chapter's aim. Activities included a tourist kick-off week, beautification projects, a litter watch program, and sponsored "Prosperity Through Tourism Award." The 110 members also sponsored a campaign to secure thirty miles of train track for a tourist train, purchased, reconstructed and placed over \$2,000 worth of antique machinery in a museum and promoted community pride by recognizing a county family with a "Pride Winner" award each month.

## 2nd Place National Winner (Southern Region)—Avon Park, Florida

The Avon Park FFA Chapter, Avon Park, Florida, is the 2nd Place National Winner of the FFA Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program. The chapter initiated various projects to benefit their community such as constructing a hog barn at the county fair, doubling the size of an 18 variety citrus arboretum, developing a 40 acre forest demonstration area, completing an ecological demonstration area and conducting a chapter safety program. The 52 members of the Avon Park FFA also completed 63 home improvement projects.

## 3rd Place National Winner (Western Region)—Duck Valley, Nevada

The Duck Valley FFA Chapter, Owyhee, Nevada, is the 3rd Place National Winner of the FFA Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program. The chapter continued a reservation reforestation project by planting 1500 lodge-

pole pine seedlings and restored a condemned 1912 schoolhouse for use as a community hall. The 44 members also constructed iron handrails and cement access ramps at the elementary school and Senior Citizens Center, implemented a computer program for reservation land use planning and sponsored a Hunter Safety Course.

**4th Place National Winner (Central Region)—Cabool, Missouri**  
The Cabool FFA Chapter, Cabool, Missouri, is the 4th Place National Winner of the FFA Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program. The chapter's 66 members and over 300 volunteers constructed an Agricultural Mechanics Laboratory which saved the local school district over \$200,000. The Cabool FFA also remodeled part of the existing building to house their vo-ag department and FFA chapter. The chapter was involved in each aspect of planning, fund-raising and constructing the building.

## Gold

Arizona: St. David; Antelope Union; Colorado: Cedaredge; Connecticut: Sayfield Regional; Florida: Avon Park; Deland Junior High; Illinois: Franklin Center; Indiana: Rossview; Prairie Heights; Northeastern Wayne, Iowa; Webster City; Prairie, Algonia, Kansas: Lynn; Marion; Kentucky: Spencer County; Lion County, Maryland: Clear Spring High; Missouri: Cabool; Decatur; Aurora; Le Mars; Nevada: Duck Valley; New Mexico: Goddard; North Dakota: Jamestown; Ohio: Buckeye Valley; Bloom-Carroll; Oklahoma: Broken Arrow; Tennessee: South Dakota; Groton; Harrisburg; Tennessee: Bartlett; Cherokee; Virginia: Broadway; Washington: Winlock; Elm; West Virginia: Marion County; Wisconsin: Denmark; Blanchardville-Peacato

## Silver

Alabama: Dale County High; Arkansas: Lake City; California: Polytechnic; Colorado: Delta; Delaware: Caesar Rodney; Illinois: North Ford Myers; Saratoga Junior; Illinois: Dekalb, N.W.; Suburban District 214-211; Shannon Union; Amboy; Warsaw; Bluffs; Salem; Winchester; Clinton; Findlay; Iowa: Valley Grove; Fort Madison; Stormont; Louisiana: Crowley High; Garrettsville; Massachusetts: Assabet Valley; Essex; Michigan: Charlotte; Minnesota: Shelburne; Truman; Mississippi: Mantache; East Marion, Missouri: Saratoga; Mountain View-Birch Tree; El Dorado Springs; Montana: Fairfield; Polson; Nebraska: North Bend; Ravenna; New Hampshire: Mute-To-Do; New York: Chateaugay; North Carolina: Fairmont; Ohio: Miami Trace; New Lexington; Indiana Valley High; Massachusetts Valley; West Muskegon; Oklahoma: Purcell; Pond Creek; Hunter; Guthrie; Oregon: Clatsop; Pennsylvania: Chokoma; Twin Valley; South Dakota: Huron; Washington: Mountain View; Zillah; Wisconsin: Mount Hore; Bloomer; Monroe; Green Bay Southwest; Hartsford; Whitcomb; New Holstein; Wyoming: Encampment-Loch View

## Bronze

Alabama: Scottsboro; West Blocton; Utah: Dalvina; Kentucky: Junior High; Alaska: North Pole; Delta Junction; Arkansas: Stuttgart; California: Mt. Whitney; Delaware: Sussex Center; Georgia: Cherokee; Newton County; Hawaii: Kailua; Kohala; Idaho: Meridian; Kansas: Hilo; Brownstown; Princetonville; Indiana: Sherrard; Iowa: Cascade; Maple Valley; Mount Airy; Appleton; Sibley; Wapsie Valley; Kansas: Cotteyville; Hill City; Columbus; Hawkins; Kentucky: Highland; Ditham County; Louisiana: Iota High; Oak Grove; Maine: Caribou; Eastern, Maryland: Brunswick; Michigan: Marshall; Minnesota: Southland; New Ulm; Mountain Lake; Cannon Falls; Lanesboro; 212; Montevideo; Mississippi: Amory; Nebraska: Fairbury; Light; Verdugo; Nevada: Shingle Valley; New Jersey: Newark; Hunterdon Hills; New Mexico: Aztec; New York: Canton; Oregon Foresters; North Carolina: West Carteret; Camden; North Iredell; Rosman; Oregon: Nyssa; Rhode Island: North Kingstown; South Carolina: Pleasant Hill; South Dakota: Canton; Garrettsville; Texas: Ysleta; Olenia; Cleburne; Utah: Springville; Brighton; Lehi; Virginia: Essex; James Wood; Abington; Jefferson Forest; Groton; Virginia; Washington: Walla Walla; West Virginia: Greentree; East; Wisconsin: Madison; East De Pere; Black Hawk; De Pere; Jacksonville-Parker; Grant; Wyoming: Lingle-F. Laramie

# BOAC Achievement in Volunteerism Award Winners

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These awards are to recognize individual service in chapter BOAC activities. The following individuals were recognized at the 3rd National Convention on Community Development September 14-18, 1985 in Washington, DC.

## National Winner—Jeff Saharsky, Green Bay, Wisconsin

1st Runner-Up—Stuart Keller, Jr., Franklin Grove, Illinois  
2nd Runners-Up—Matthew Smith, Bowling Green, Ohio; Jamie Moore, Wallace, West Virginia

## National Finalists

Alabama: Oan Quincy, Midland City; Florida: Wade Carter, Avon Park; Indiana: Dennis R. Hughes, Hudson; Iowa: Mark Escheld, Algonia; New York: Tammy Bell, Burke; Washington: Brian Hughes, Elma

## State Finalists

Alaska: Whitney Bruno, North Pole; Arizona: Billy Kennedy, Rell; Arkansas: Chris Grimes (all), Lake City; California: Malinda Barnt, Van Nuys; Connecticut: Laura Wimpelmeier, East Granby; Colorado: Larry Thompson, Cedaredge; Delaware: Eddie Webb, Milford; Georgia: Terry Duncan, Canton; Hawaii: Shirley Kanehiki, Kailua; Idaho: Ricky Lee Price, Boise; Alaska: Jeff Dibbot, Washington; Kentucky: Scott Travis, Taylorsville; Louisiana: David Comeaux, Crowley; Maine: Scott Drost, Caribou; Maryland: Steve Slaley (all), Oler Spring; Massachusetts: Jennifer Leighton, Maynard; Michigan: David Shaver, Charlotte; Minnesota: Brent Meyer, Sherburne; Mississippi: Royce Ramshorn, Columbia; Missouri: Teresa Beck, Cabool; Montana: Dusty Sturm, Polson; Nebraska: Mark Keilig, Kearney; Nevada: Ralph Jim, Owyhee; New Hampshire: Lori Anne Robinson, Dearfield; New Jersey: Donald Lewis, Newark; New Mexico: Joe Kaszubski, Roswell; North Carolina: Du P. Martin, Fairmont; North Dakota: Tom Enser, Ypsilanti; Oklahoma: Steve Wade, Pottsville; Oregon: Frank Walters, Astoria; Pennsylvania: Ann Kline, Birdsboro; Rhode Island: Alca Hovan, North Kingstown; South Carolina: David Richardson, Milledgeville; South Dakota: Brad Ruden, Groton; Tennessee: John Deizer, Bartlett; Texas: Javier Valenzuela, El Paso; Utah: Maxwell Berry, Lehi; Vermont: Daniel Lussier, Swanton; Virginia: Kent J. Hively, Broadway; Wyoming: Kathleen June Mirowsky, Saratoga

# National FFA Chapter Safety Awards

Sponsored by Dow Chemical U.S.A. and the Farm & Industrial Equipment

Chapters presented with a gold, silver or bronze Chapter Safety Award showed superior efforts in promoting and insuring health/safety in their communities, homes and schools.

## Gold

Alabama: Daleville High; Florida: Sarasota Vo-Ag; Illinois: Bluffs; Winchester; Sycamore; Oklahoma: Indiana; Southwestern; Iowa: Buffalo Center; Keokuk; Spencer County; Minnesota: Truman; New Mexico: Goddard; Raton; Ohio: Miami Trace; Bowling Green; Oklahoma: Garrettsville; Tennessee: Bradley; Bartlett; Texas: Ysleta; West Virginia: Marion County; Wisconsin: Denmark

## Silver

Arizona: Yuma; Illinois: Dekalb; Brownstown; Waterman; Indiana: Woodland; Prairie Heights; Iowa: Prairie; Cascade; Canion City; Platteville; Kentucky: Lyon County; Michigan: Charlotte; Minnesota: Hamlin Falls; New Ulm; Missouri: Osceola, Davenport; Carthage; North Carolina: Superior; Lehigh; Nevada: Dick Valley; Wells; New Jersey: Warren Hills; New York: Barker; Chemung-Tioga Conservations; North Carolina: North End; Ohio: River Valley; New Lexington; Wauson; Oregon: Elgin; Pennsylvania: Elizabethtown; South Dakota: Clark; Reddy; Texas: Gibberson; Lindsay; Utah: Milard Eagle; Virginia: Essex; Broadway; James Wood; Stonewall Jackson; Monticello; Jefferson Forest; Washington: Elma; West Virginia: Hampshire County; Wisconsin: Bloomer; Monroe; New Holstein

## Bronze

Alabama: Douglas; Crossville; West Limestone; Scottsboro; Dale County; High; Arizona: Peoria; Arkansas: Lavaca; County Line; California: Morro Bay; Mt. Whitney; Illinois: Koloing; Las Animas; Byers; Connecticut: Culter; Delaware: Milford; Florida: Lake Butler; North Fort Myers; Georgia: Paulding County; Towns County; Idaho: Meridian; Illinois: Bushnell-Prairie City; Belvidere; Mt. Carroll; Plankin Center; Clinton; Iowa: Osborn-Guinness; Orient; Mackburg; Marengo; Kansas: Wamego; Maryland: Louisiana; Denham Springs; High; Oak Grove; Maine: Eastern; Presque Isle; Maryland: Frederick Co. Vo-Tech AM/PM; Walkersville; Massachusetts: Essex; Michigan: Milan; Minnesota: Madeline Marshall; Worthington; Pipestone; Willam; Mississippi: East Marion; Amory; Missouri: Slater; Montana: Conrad; Nebraska: Franklin; Fort Hays; North Lenoir; North Dakota: Biebel-Egeland; J. E. Eastgate; Laramie; Oregon: Willows; South Carolina: Dorcas; Georgia: Hartsburg; South Dakota: Hartsburg; Utah: North Sevier; Virginia: Liberty Union; Carroll County; Washington: Winlock; Montecarlo; Wisconsin: Mount Hore; Oregon: Delano-Jarvis; Mauston; Blanchardville-Peacato; Jacksonville-Parker; Black Hawk; Burlington; Mashicot; Wyoming: Douglas; Gillette

# FFA Saves Lives!!

## New "BRAND 'EM TO SAVE A LIFE" Safety Emphasis

### Launched at 1985 Convention!

A new FFA safety emphasis entitled "Brand 'Em to Save a Life" will assist in educating America's farmers of the three leading causes of farm tractor fatalities. A special idea booklet, tractor decals, farmer brochures and report forms will be mailed nationwide in January. Look for them and plan ahead for "Brand 'Em to Save a Life" month in March!

Decals which feature a red heartshape with the words—"Be Careful, We Love You! Your Family" will be provided. In addition, a brief list of the three leading causes of farm fatalities will be included on the decal: tractor rollovers, runovers and unguarded power take off entanglements.

This special emphasis is sponsored by International Harvester and J.I. Case. The National FFA Safety Program is sponsored by Dow Chemical Company U.S.A. and the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute.





# National FFA Chapter Award Program



This award is for chapters who have reached the rating level of a Superior Chapter by organizing and conducting an exceptional program of activities that provided valuable experiences for their members. Each chapter was judged on performance in 11 areas: Supervised Occupational Experience enterprises, cooperative activities, community service, leadership development, earnings and savings by members, state and national activities, conduct of meetings, scholarship, public relations, alumni relations and recreation. Chapters were ranked gold, silver or bronze for their accomplishments.

## Gold

Florida: Sarasota Vo-Ag, Trenton, Blountstown; Cheffland Senior; Orlando, Illinois: Sycamore; Amboy, Franklin Center; LeRoy; Bushnell-Praine City, Indiana: Benton Center; Clinton Center; Iowa: Bufile Center; Bison; North Lin; Creston, Linn-Mar; Algona; Manchester; Webster City; Prairie, Kan-

sas: Marion; Hiawatha; Kentucky: Spencer County; Morgan County; Oldham County; Caldwell County High; Warren County; Breckinridge County; Maryland: Brunswick Senior; Damascus; Minnesota: Truman; Cannon Falls; New Ulm; Missouri: Union; Osceola; El Dorado Springs; Nebraska: Tri County; Waverly; West Holt; Lehigh; Ohio: Mississinewa Valley; Miami Tractor; East Clinton; New

Lexington; Maplewood Area J.V.S.; Oklahoma: Egan; Altus; Central High; Konawa; Stroud; Pennsylvania: Lower Dauphin; Cedar Crest; South Dakota: Roslyn; Grotton, Tennessee: Polk; Powell Valley; White House; Cherokee; Rhea County; Woodbury; Westview; Bradley; Texas: Cleburne; Baytown-Robert E. Lee; Calallen; Clear Creek; Utah: Midland Eagle; Virginia: Broadway; Spotswood; Montevideo Intermediate; Strasburg; James Wood; Washington: Elma; Wisconsin: Denmark; Bloomer; Marshfield; Monroe; Delavan-Osien

## Silver

Alabama: Dale County High; Arizona: Peoria; Yuma; California: Kingsburg; Fairbrook; Mt. Whitney-Victoria; Colorado: Valley; Connecticut: Housatonic Valley; Florida: South Sumter Senior; Santa Fe Senior; Tale Senior; Georgia: Colquitt County; Idaho: Meridian; Kuna; Illinois: Salem; Teutopolis; Nokomis; Clinton; Hampshire; Cassia Park; DeKalb; Waterman; Georgetown; Spartanburg; Wilco; North Clay; Winchester; N.W. Suburban District 214-211; Warsaw; Indiana: Southmont; Clinton Prairie; Rossville; Tipton; Carroll; Southwestern; Hanover; Western Boone; Shenandoah; Woodland; Prairie Heights; Iowa: Vinton; Shamrock; DeWitt Central; Estherville; Waverly-Sheil Rock; Kansas: Hill City; Marysville; Cherryvale; Plainville; Kentucky: Davess County High; Farmington; Lyon County; Redland High; Louisiana: Carencro; Massachusetts: Essex; Michigan: Marshall; Minnesota: Plainville; Sherburne; Madelia; Greenbush; Missouri: Lamar; Carthage; Lakeland; Alabama: Montana; Flathead; Nebraska: Verdigris; North Bend; Lakeview; Red Cloud; Fairbury; Nelson; Ainsworth; Nor-

ris; Nevada: Ruby Mountain; New Jersey: Allentown; New Mexico: Goddard; Arner; North Carolina: Bartlett; Walcott; North Iredell; Chase; North Lenoir; North Dakota: Jamestown; Rugby; Ohio: Wauson; Anna; Marysville; Oregon City; Talawanda; Amanda-Clearcreek; Oklahoma: Lavene; Slinger; Wakita; Adair; Broken Arrow; Prague; Springer; Guthrie; Newkirk; Oregon: Egan; South Carolina: Dorman; South Dakota: Flandreau; Texas: Dumas; Pleasanton; James E. Taylor; East Central; Kani; Koby; Mission; Mission; Vista; Lorena; Raymondville; Joshua; Boys Ranch; Booker; Utah: Tooele; Virginia: Essex; Appomattox Senior; Fort Defiance; Laurel Park; Stonewall Jackson Junior; Washington: Evergreen; Winlock; Sumner; Mountain View; West Virginia: Marion County; Wisconsin: Schofield D.C. Everest; Granton; Michoud; New Holstein; West Virginia: Parkersburg; Clear Lake; Green Bay Southwest; Wyoming: Douglas; Lingle; Ft. Laramie

## Bronze

Alabama: Scottsboro; Crossville; Ider; Douglas; Daleville; George W. Long; Alaska: Delta Junction; Arkansas: Lavaca; Stuttgart; Lake City; Colorado: Flagler; Byers; Mottoli County; Haxton; Connecticut: Rockville; Delaware: Milford; Sussex Central; Florida: Avon Park; Ponce De Leon Senior; Williston Senior; Oklawaha; Braham; Midway; Lyon County; Groveland Senior; Georgia: Gilmer County; Pierce County; Newton County; Towns County; Stephens County; Cherokee; Hawaii: Kailua; Idaho: Ririe; Idaho; Northfield; Iowa: Guttenberg; North Park; Kansas: Labette County; Manhattan; Jackson

Heights; Kentucky: Apollo; Louisiana: Denham Springs High; Midland; Natchitoches Central High; Oak Grove High; Maine: Eastern; Presque Isle; Michigan: Lakeland; Uby; Bryon; Owasco; Charlotte; Hopkins; Corunna; Minnesota: Pipestone; Lakeland; Wilmar; Mississippi: Neshoba Central; Carthage; Antrim; Missouri: Four Rivers AVIS Washington; Owensville; Hallett; Carl Junction; Aurora; Chillicothe; Cass County Vo-Tech; Mount Vernon; Montana: Fairfield; New Hampshire: Much-To-Do; New Jersey: Warren Hills; New York: Lisbon; Sidney; Chateaugay; North Carolina: Creswell; West Carteret; Princeton; North Dakota: Golden Valley; Lisbon; Madford A.S.; Gibbons; Lamore; J.E. Estabate; Ohio: National Trail; Peebles; Indian Valley; Delaware: J.V.S.; Delphis; Chief Logan; River Valley; Greensville; New Bremen; Fremont; Osgo; West Muskingum; Bloom-Carroll; Elda; Oklahoma: Oologah; Tecumseh; Cashion; Kingston; McCloud; Pawnee; Jet-Marlow; Tipton; Allen; Webbers Falls; Jarvis; Oregon: Wallawa; Cascade; Rhode Island: Scituate; South Carolina: Loris; Pleasant Hill; South Dakota: Huron; Garrettsen; Tennessee: Beartown; Peabody-Trenton; Riverside; Meigs County; Texas: Laleau; Gilmer; Tom Bean; Dayton; Godley; Jacksonboro; Silerton; Frisco; Pahrland; Kingsville; Weatherford; Midland High; Plano Senior High; Garland; Franklin; Nacogdoches; Weslaco; Sulphur Springs; Utah: Bear River; Lehi; Vermont: North Country; Ensbury; Virginia: Carroll County; Jefferson Forest; Gretna Junior; Spotsylvania; West Virginia: Mason County Vocational; Wisconsin: Marion; Oregon; Black Hawk; South Wayne

# National FFA Alumni



The 14th National FFA Alumni Convention was held in conjunction with the National FFA Convention. The Alumni Convention serves as a business meeting for the over 26,000 members in almost 1,100 local affiliates. These members generate support for vocational agriculture/FFA while motivating and inspiring FFA members in local, state and national levels of leadership, competition and individual personal growth.

## Outstanding FFA Alumni Affiliate Awards

The FFA Alumni recognizes FFA Alumni affiliates for their outstanding accomplishments in supporting and serving vocational agriculture/FFA.

National Winner—Bushnell-Prairie City, Illinois

Runner-Up—Buckeye Valley, Ohio

## Gold

Kansas: Washington; Kentucky: Apollo; Nebraska: East Butler; West Point; North Carolina: South Rowan; Oklahoma: Owasso; South Dakota: Flandreau; Wisconsin: Blair; Denmark; Lancaster

## Silver

Kansas: Hill City; Minnesota: New Ulm; Montana: Missoula; Nebraska: Norfolk; Washington: Yelm-Rainier; Wisconsin: Black Hawk; Sumner; West De Pere

## Bronze

Georgia: Gilmer County; Indiana: Delta; Iowa: North Park; Maryland: Walkersville; Mississippi: Carthage; Missouri: Mian; Montana: Fairfield; North Carolina: Orange County



## National FFA Alumni Presidents

The 1985-86 National FFA Alumni President, Gary Maricle of Columbus, Nebraska received his gavel from retiring President, Jay Householder.



## Outstanding FFA Alumni Achievement Awards

Exceptional leadership and superior accomplishments in service to vocational agriculture/FFA and the agriculture industry are recognized by the National

FFA Alumni with this award. This year the recipients were Monte Reese of Kansas and Phyllis J. Sokolosky of Oklahoma.



# Agricultural Proficiency Awards



A national winner was announced in each proficiency award areas during the Agricultural Proficiency Awards Program Friday evening. National winners were announced with brief slide shows of their projects while on stage. These members show the skills needed to develop the potential of their Supervised Occupational Experience enterprises.

A star by the name indicates the national winner in each proficiency area.

## Agricultural Electrification

**Sponsored by National Food and Energy Council, Inc.; Klein Tools, Inc.**

- ★ Central—Bryan Seidel, Altamont, Illinois
- Eastern—Curt Wells, Anna, Ohio
- Southern—Kyle Hearn, Opelika, Alabama
- Western—Patrick Beck, Yuba City, California

## Agricultural Mechanics

**Sponsored by J I Case, A Tenneco Company**

- Central—Clyde Zeltch, Rosebud, Missouri
- Eastern—Lynnwood Everett, Kinston, North Carolina
- ★ Southern—Randy Wright, Avon Park, Florida
- Western—Vincent Nunes, Merced, California

## Agricultural Processing

**Sponsored by National FFA Foundation General Fund**

- Central—Roueltd Weber, Cuba City, Wisconsin
- ★ Eastern—Jeffrey Simmons, Penn Yan, New York
- Southern—Billy Edwards, Jefferson, Georgia
- Western—Karen Scheuble, Brooks, California

## Agricultural Sales and/or Service

**Sponsored by Deutz-Allis Corporation**

- Central—Steven Evold, Gowrie, Iowa
- Eastern—William Boothe, Fawn Grove, Pennsylvania
- Southern—Marty Wooten, Ider, Alabama
- ★ Western—Jennifer Henderson, Rough and Ready, California

## Beef Production

**Sponsored by Nasco International, Inc. and Sperry New Holland**

- Central—Rich Falkenstein, Oswego, Kansas
- ★ Eastern—Ronald Parks, New Concord, Ohio
- Southern—Mike Duke, Munford, Alabama
- Western—Steve Jensen, El Reno, Oklahoma

## Cereal Grain Production

**Sponsored by Du Pont Agricultural Chemicals**

- ★ Central—Bryan Hayenga, Kings, Illinois
- Eastern—Daniel Hale, Galena, Ohio
- Southern—John James, Oak Grove, Louisiana
- Western—Michael Klann, Flagler, Colorado

## Dairy Production

**Sponsored by New Idea Farm Equipment Corporation; Alfa-Laval, Inc.; Agri-Group, and American Breeders Service**

- Central—Gary Van De Hel, Oelere, Wisconsin
- Eastern—Barbara Miller, South Woodstock, Connecticut
- Southern—Dennis Smith, Arab, Alabama
- ★ Western—Kevin Gomes, Tulare, California

## Diversified Crop Production

**Sponsored by Cargill, Incorporated**

- ★ Central—Bruce Boyum, Wanamingo, Minnesota
- Eastern—Todd Kelly, Newport, North Carolina
- Southern—Andrew Nash, Greenbrier, Tennessee
- Western—Bryan Smith, Tipton, Oklahoma

## Diversified Livestock Production

**Sponsored by A.O. Smith Harvestore Products, Inc. and Wayne Feeds Division/Continental Grain Company**

- ★ Central—Mike Spitzbrath, Fennimore, Wisconsin
- Eastern—Bob Niederman, Hamilton, Ohio
- Southern—Marly Coley, Lafayette, Tennessee
- Western—Shane Frost, Randlett, Utah

## Feed Grain Production

**Sponsored by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Incorporated**

- ★ Central—Scott Travis, Taylorsville, Kentucky
- Eastern—Arthur Taylor, New Holland, Ohio
- Southern—Pat Malphurs, Alachua, Florida
- Western—Michael Newbanks, Yuma, Colorado

## Fiber Crop Production

**Sponsored by The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated and Valmont Industries, Incorporated**

- ★ Southern—Cindy Carmack, Gates, Tennessee
- Western—Scotty Scott, Seagraves, Texas

## Floriculture

**Sponsored by The Lerio Corporation; and The Paul Ecke Poinsettia Ranch**

- Central—Daniel Creameans, Ashland, Kentucky
- Eastern—Peter Ramsay, Southington, Connecticut
- ★ Southern—Todd Wilkinson, White House, Tennessee
- Western—Tina Holder, Klein, Texas



## Forage Crop

**Sponsored by Hesston Corporation, United Agri Products, Gehl Foundation, Inc., Northrup King Company**

- ★ Central—Mike Pachta, Belleville, Kansas
- Eastern—Derek Atkins, Troy, North Carolina
- Southern—Marshall Johnson, Harrogate, Tennessee
- Western—Jeff Chachere, Dayton, Texas

## Forest Management

**Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation**

- Central—Scott Davis, Spencer, Indiana
- Eastern—William Wright, West Greenwich, Rhode Island
- Southern—Jeff Boutwell, Oakville, Alabama
- ★ Western—William Schlosser, Bremerton, Washington

## Fruit and/or Vegetable Production

**Sponsored by Briggs & Stratton Corporation Foundation, Inc.**

- Central—Nancy Trecker, Carrington, North Dakota
- ★ Eastern—Bill Lamale, Fremont, Ohio
- Southern—Gary Rogers, Jr., Webster, Florida
- Western—Rusty Kaulman, Spring, Texas

## Home and/or Farmstead Improvement

**Sponsored by Upjohn, TUCO, Agrow and Cobb, Agricultural Division of The Upjohn Company**

- Central—James Maher, Milan, Missouri
- Eastern—Aaron Wood, Grafton, West Virginia
- ★ Southern—Kevin Turner, Chunchula, Alabama
- Western—Donald Games, Yakima, Washington

## Horse Proficiency

**Sponsored by The American Quarter Horse Association**

- ★ Central—John Larsen, Redwood Falls, Minnesota
- Eastern—Robert Overholt, Montvale, Virginia

Southern—Robert Burns, Jr., Ralph, Alabama  
Western—Denise Ruhl, Kingfisher, Oklahoma

## Nursery Operations

**Sponsored by Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation**

- Central—Glenn Switzer, Northfield, Minnesota
- ★ Eastern—Wayne Beal, Jr., Bridgeton, New Jersey
- Southern—Michael Panter, McMinnville, Tennessee
- Western—Cindy Tryon, Dateland, Arizona

## Oil Crop Production

**Sponsored by The Shell Companies Foundation, Incorporated**

- ★ Central—Kurt Kottke, Buffalo Lake, Minnesota
- Eastern—Frank Howey, Jr., Monroe, North Carolina
- Southern—Michael Samrow, Halls, Tennessee
- Western—Lawrence Jones, Dayton, Texas

## Outdoor Recreation

**Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund**

- Central—Phillip Muehch, Lancaster, Wisconsin
- ★ Eastern—Matthew Smith, Bowling Green, Ohio
- Southern—Ray Homick, Avon Park, Florida
- Western—Paul Tingley, Mt. Vernon, Washington

## Placement in Agricultural Production

**Sponsored by CIBA GEIGY Corporation and Ciba of America, Inc.**

- Central—William Wyszocki, Custer, Wisconsin
- ★ Eastern—Richard Keyser, Jefferson, Maryland
- Southern—Kyle Savage, Gainesville, Georgia
- Western—Steve Thompson, Ardmore, Oklahoma



## Poultry Production

**Sponsored by Kentucky Fried Chicken of Oklahoma; Red Brand Made by Keystone Steel and Wire Company; and Pilgrims Pride**

Central—David Dalton, Washburn, Missouri

Eastern—David Harrison, Bradford, Ohio

★ Southern—Randall Hewitt, Mayo, Florida  
Western—Kevin Jervis, Midwest City, Oklahoma

## Sheep Production

**Sponsored by Carnation Company—Milling Division and American Sheep Producers' Council, Inc./Sheep Industry Development Program, Inc.**

Central—Bartley Marshall, Allen, Michigan

Eastern—Nancy MacCauley, Atglen, Pennsylvania

Southern—Kelly Ware, Longville, Louisiana

★ Western—Kimberly Knutson, Clyde Park, Montana

## Soil and Water Management

**Sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund**

Central—Marcus Moore, Winchester, Illinois

★ Eastern—Matthew Sowers, Burkittsville, Maryland

Southern—James Maxey, Natchitoches, Louisiana

Western—David Vap, Newkirk, Oklahoma

## Specialty Animal Production

**Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund**

Central—Shayne Ulmer, New Haven, Indiana

Eastern—Adrenne Shaffer, Knoxville, Maryland

Southern—Bart Hans, Rayne, Louisiana

★ Western—Chris Snyder, Tacoma, Washington

## Specialty Crop Production

**Sponsored by R. J. Reynolds Industries, Incorporated**

Central—Kyle Petersen, Mordock, Minnesota

★ Eastern—Kelly Freeman, Bennett, North Carolina

Southern—Bran Raliff, Limesstone, Tennessee

Western—Matthew Guidotti, Soledad, California

## Swine Production

**Sponsored by Pfizer Inc.**

★ Central—James Gardner, Cave City, Kentucky

Eastern—Rodney Herr, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Southern—Clint Oliver, Redsville, Georgia

Western—Lyle Blakley, Dologah, Oklahoma

## Turf and Landscape Management

**Sponsored by O. M. Scott & Sons**

Central—Mark Hillgoss, Sharpville, Indiana

★ Eastern—Charles Hughes, III, Gritton, North Carolina

Southern—Kevin Kovac, Oak Grove, Louisiana

Western—Charles Ahmsmuth, College Place, Washington

## Wildlife Management

**Sponsored by Philip Morris Incorporated**

★ Central—Dennis Threault, Blackduck, Minnesota

Eastern—Nathan Moody, Zanesville, Ohio

Southern—Stanley Clarke, Delta, Alabama

Western—Christopher Clements, Pico, New Mexico

# National FFA Contests



Each state is eligible to be represented in the National FFA Contests held during the convention. These contests let members demonstrate the skills and knowledge developed in vocational agriculture and FFA in a competitive spirit. Teams are ranked gold, silver and bronze in an undesignated order, except for the announcement of the first place team and high individual.

## Agricultural Mechanics Contest

**Sponsored by Firestone Trust Fund**

**First Place Team**—Neal Harrell, Jim Young, Doug Scheffer, Troy, Missouri

**High Individual**—Neal Harrell, Troy, Missouri

## Farm Business Management Contest

**Sponsored by Deere & Co.**

**First Place Team**—Glenn Anderson, Dan Snyder, Bruce Henson, Mandella, Minnesota

**High Individual**—Gary Lockell, Lynden, Washington

## Livestock Contest

**Sponsored by Purina Mills, Inc.**

**First Place Team**—Ron Fishart, Don Randall, Cassia Wreden, Alascadero, California

**High Individual**—Carissa Wreden, Alascadero, California

## Nursery/Landscape Contest

**Sponsored by American Association of Nurseryman, Inc.; Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc.; Kubota Tractor Corporation; and True Value Hardware Stores—Professional Lawn Care Program**

**First Place Team**—Christy Youngblood, Judy Harris, Gary Hurt, Bear Creek, North Carolina

**High Individual**—Christy Youngblood, Bear Creek, North Carolina

## Dairy Contest

**Sponsored by Associated Milk Producers, Inc.**

**First Place Team**—Tina Larson, William Dine, Liz Zeman, Owatonna, Minnesota

**High Individual**—Tina Larson, Owatonna, Minnesota

## Floriculture Contest

**Sponsored by the National FFA Foundation General Fund**

**First Place Team**—Maurice Teague, Joel Digham, Sean Webster, Bear Creek, North Carolina

**High Individual**—Sean Webster, Bear Creek, North Carolina

## Meats Contests

**Sponsored by Geo. A. Hormel & Co. and Oscar Mayer Foods Corporation**

**First Place Team**—Lana Leavitt, Steve Simmons, Judy Ellison, Clovis, California

**High Individual**—Judy Ellison, Clovis, California

## Poultry Contest

**Sponsored by Hubbard Farms and Victor F. Weaver, Inc.**

**First Place Team**—Tonya Skaggs, Doug Archer, Jesse Horton, Springdale, Arkansas

**High Individual**—Tonya Skaggs, Springdale, Arkansas

## Dairy Foods Contest

**Sponsored by Mid-America Dairyman, Inc. and Patz Sales, Inc.**

**First Place Team**—Dena Maxwell, Sandy Harvey, Anissa Wilhelm, Alascadero, California

**High Individual**—Anissa Wilhelm, Alascadero, California

## Forestry Contest

**Sponsored by Homella Division of Textron, Inc.; Temple-Eastex, Inc.; and Hammermill Paper Co.**

**First Place Team**—Michael Druitt, Duane Cowell, Randy Pilgrim, Richton, Mississippi

**High Individual**—Michael Druitt, Richton, Mississippi

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# National Agricultural Career Show



The National Agricultural Career Show is a cooperative effort of the National FFA Organization, trade associations, professional societies, educational institutions and agribusiness firms. Exhibitors demonstrate new products, answer questions and give conventioners an overview of today's agriculture industry from products to career opportunities. Those exhibitors with numbers in parenthesis after their name were recognized at the Officer-Delegate-Career Show Exhibitor's Luncheon for having consistently displayed their product or service for a number of years at the National Agricultural Career Show.

Ag-Pac  
Ag-Tronic  
Agr-Education, Inc.  
Agri-Farm Publications, Inc. (5)  
Agricultural Communicators in Education  
AgriData Resources, Inc.  
Air and Army National Guard  
Alta-Laval, Inc./Agri-Group  
Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity (5)  
Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity  
American Angus Association  
American Association for Vocational Instructional Materials  
American Association of Nurserymen (20)  
American Breeders Service (5)  
American Cyanamid Company  
Cyanamid Agricultural Division  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Forestry Association  
American Gelbeck Association  
American International Charolais Assn  
American Morgan Horse Institute  
American Phytopathological Society  
American Polled Hereford Association (5)  
American Quarter Horse Association  
American Simmental Association  
American Soybean Association  
American Veterinary Medical Assn  
Associated Milk Producers, Inc.  
Bob Jones University  
Briggs & Stratton Corp.  
Bureau of the Census (15)  
Chrysler Corporation  
Coca-Cola, USA  
Colby Community College  
Control Data Corporation  
Cook College/Rutgers  
DeKalb AgResearch, Inc.  
Delmar Publishers Inc.  
DICKEY-John Corporation  
Diversified Marketing Associates, Inc.  
Dow Chemical U.S.A.

North Carolina State University;  
Agriculture & Agriculture Education  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Dates' Peanut Inc.  
Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute  
Park College (10)  
Peace Corps  
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.  
Postsecondary Agricultural Students  
Prentice-Hall Media  
Purdue University School of Agriculture  
Remington Arms Company, Inc. (5)  
Runtan National  
Seal-Sweet Growers, Inc.  
Select Sires, Inc.  
Shannon Groves, Inc.  
Shell Chemical Company Agricultural Chemicals  
Shoot'n Easy, Inc.  
Smith Equipment Company  
Society for Range Management  
Society of American Foresters  
South Carolina State College  
Southeast Community College  
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America  
Stauffer Chemical Co.  
Stone Mt. & Supply Co.  
Successful Farming/Farm Computer News  
Du Pont Agrichemicals  
Dugage Horticultural School  
East Butler High School  
Estech, Inc.  
Farm & Industrial Equipment Institute (20)  
Farmbank Services  
Farmhouse Fraternity  
Farmland Industries, Inc.  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Florida Citrus Processors  
Hampshire Swine Registry  
Harris Laboratories, Inc.  
Hesslon Corporation

Instructional Materials Laboratory  
University of Missouri (5)  
International Brangus Breeders Association  
International Minerals & Chem Corp./Ralgro  
Interflec Publishing Corporation  
Iowa State University  
J I Case, Agricultural Equipment Division (5)  
John Deere  
Kansas Wesleyan University  
Lincoln University  
Louisiana State University (5)  
Mankato Technical Institute  
Maryland, University of Institute of Applied Agriculture  
Mid-America Vocational Curriculum Consortium  
Minnesota, University of  
Mobay Chemical Corporation, Agricultural Chemicals Division  
Modesto Junior College  
Monsanto Agricultural Products Co.  
NA-CHURS Plant Food Company  
National Agricultural Aviation Association (5)  
National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges  
National Farmers Organization (10)  
National Food and Energy Council (15)  
National Grain and Feed Association  
National Innovative Media Company  
National Rifle Association Public Education Division  
National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association  
National Young Farmers Association, Inc.  
New Mexico State University  
New York State College of Agri & Life Sciences, Cornell University  
Nickerson American Plant Breeders, Inc.  
North American Limousin Foundation

Sui Ross State University  
Sunstark Growers, Inc.  
Surge-Babson Bros. Co. (5)  
Texas A & M University College of Agriculture  
The Ohio State University  
The Ohio State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics  
The Ohio State University Curriculum Materials  
The School of the Ozarks  
The Society of American Florists  
TSC Farm, Home and Auto Stores  
TV Guide School Plan  
U S Dept of Education; Office of Student Financial Assistance  
U. S. Air Force (10)  
U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
U. S. Navy Recruiting Command  
University of Florida, College of Agriculture (5)  
University of Idaho  
University of Illinois College of Agriculture (5)

University of Illinois Vocational Agriculture Service  
University of Minnesota  
University of Missouri-Columbia College of Agriculture  
University of Nebraska/Lincoln  
University of Nevada Reno  
University of Wisconsin  
The Upjohn Company  
USDA: Farmers Home Administration  
USDA: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation  
USDA: Forest Service Mark Twain National Forest (5)  
USDA: Soil Conservation Services  
Versatile Farm Equipment Corp.  
Vortone Ag Products  
Virginia Tech  
Vocational Education Productions  
Vocational Instructional Services  
Vocational-Tech. Education Consort of States  
Wildlife Society, Missouri Chapter (20)  
Wix Filters





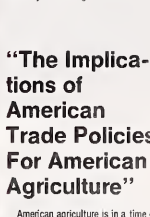
# Public Speaking Contests

## Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Sponsored by American Farm Bureau Federation

The national winner was chosen from four regional winners each of who presented his or her speech from the stage of the Municipal Auditorium's Music Hall Friday morning. The national winner was then announced Friday evening before the conventioners and again presented their winning speech. Contestants had 30 minutes to prepare a four to six minute speech on agriculture using the participant's knowledge and live printed resources. Judging was based on quality, delivery of the speech and ability to answer questions from judges.

National Winner—Jim Wilcox, Douglas, Wyoming  
First Runner—Billy Wood, Nashville, Arkansas  
Second Runner—Glen Enderfer, FortKnox, South Dakota  
Third Runner—Carl I. Merchant, Bloomery, West Virginia



### "The Implications of American Trade Policies For American Agriculture"

American agriculture is in a time of crisis. Farm prices are down and the American farmer's morale is low. What has caused the problems that the American Farmers are in and what can be done to solve them are questions that are heard across this country and across the world. What has caused the American farmer's problem? One of the things that has caused this problem has

been over production. But, that is behind us and we must learn from that and look to the future. But what can be done now and in the future to ensure better agricultural economy. Trade policies with other countries and the United States must be established that will be valuable and profitable to the American farmer and to the world. The United States is already the world's largest exporter of agricultural goods. We export over 34.8 billion dollars' worth of food and fiber annually. Yet, it is not enough. One-half of the world's agriculture exports come from the United States. Yet, it is not enough, because we all know there are people starving in this world. What can we do to ensure that they have food to eat and the American farmer survives. There must be two ways to increase American agriculture exports that the government must work towards and the American farmer must promote. The first one, and it is the most valuable step in any process that you start, is communication. Recently delegations from the United States have visited Taiwan, Japan and China working out ways and talking with those countries in order to establish better trade balances and increase American exports. Japan offers a very good opportunity and a very good market for beef and for grain in Japan, but due to their trade restrictions and their reluctance to rely on agriculture inputs they have been hesitant in working out agreements. But I feel through communications and helping them to realize American farmer's problems and working with valuable trade agreements we can reach a desired market in Japan. The second way which has been implemented just recently is to subsidize exports. Now subsidization is sometimes a foul word for many people, but what it does is encourages foreign countries

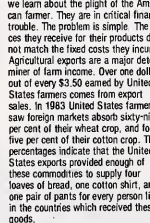
to buy agricultural goods. What this program does is in the end result the country ends up paying this much, the farmer receives this much and the government makes up the difference there. It's a very good idea, I feel, and a very positive step to help improve American agriculture exports. Because the country is happy 'cause they pay less and the American farmer is happy because he receives a fair price for his product. But with all of these exports, the United States is still the sixth largest exporter of agricultural goods. We import over 16.4 billion dollars of agricultural goods. And of this 10.9 billion is competitive with American food and fiber. And most of our imports receive no tariff whatsoever upon entering the United States. Thereby making it more competitive to American goods thereby lowering the favorability of American consumers to buy it. I feel the solution to this problem is a simple one, but it is the most valuable step in any process that you start, is communication. I feel by raising the tariffs or establishing tariffs on many of these goods slightly, not large amounts, could provide the four-fold results. First of all it would raise the price of imported goods on America's market, thereby making it more profitable and more competitive against it, it increases the income for the United States government thereby helping to reduce the national deficit thereby making the economy much better thereby helping the American farmer. We in agriculture have gone through many dips and lumps in the past and right now are in one of those dips. But through viable trade agreements and the American farmer working with the government in other countries to establish fair trade policies, I believe we will survive and American farmers will again be placed on that pedestal they belong in today's world. Thank you.

## Prepared Public Speaking

Sponsored by FMC Foundation

Four regional winners wrote and presented a six to eight minute speech related to agriculture before the convention on Thursday afternoon. All four were judged upon their delivery from the convention stage, content and composition and their ability to answer questions from the judges. The national winner was announced during the Friday evening convention session.

National Winner—Lew Harris, Oranga, Texas  
First Runner—Joseph W. Gubrie, Dublin, Virginia  
Second Runner—Joey Butler, Smithville, Tennessee  
Third Runner—Anthony Osborne, Springfield, Kentucky



was proud that this country had its beginnings in an economy that was predominantly agrarian. However, this pride that came from my grandfather's stories has been replaced by despair.

Since our nation's beginning, the unparalleled gains in American agriculture have resulted in a broader choice of nutritious foods available for a declining portion of income. The inevitable result from a failure to provide adequate diets are political and economic instability, a compromised national security, and ultimately chaos.

Today as we watch the news on television or read newspaper headlines, we learn about the plight of the American farmer. They are in critical financial trouble. The problem is simple. The prices they receive for their products do not match the feed costs they incur. Agricultural exports are a major determinant of farm income. Over one dollar out of every \$3.50 earned by United States farmers comes from export sales. In 1963 United States farmers saw foreign markets absorb sixty-nine percent of their wheat crop, and forty-five percent of their cotton crop. These percentages indicate that the United States exports provided enough of these commodities to supply four loaves of bread, one cotton shirt, and one pair of pants for every person living in the countries which received these goods.

In addition to the farm sector, agricultural commodity exports provide nearly 12 million jobs for the nonfarm population. These jobs are in the areas of processing, assembly, and distribution. Every dollar received from farm exports is more than doubled in the economy. In 1983, \$43.8 billion worth of farm products generated over \$88 billion in total U.S. business activity.

Rising agricultural exports have been a major factor suppressing the United States trade deficit in recent years. The agricultural trade surplus in 1983 stood at \$26.5 billion as exports of \$43.8 billion offset \$17.3 billion in imports. The nonagricultural trade

account was in deficit by \$55.6 billion. Agricultural exports are important to our economy for reasons beyond the money they and they create in agriculture. The narrow trade surplus helps strengthen the American dollar, which reduces the prices of imported goods and contributes to a lower inflation rate.

The importance of exports to American farming is apparent. The impact that federal government has on the United States farm export market is incalculable. Previously, the United States government offered programs to support the United States exports of our government must continue to develop these types of programs if our farmers are to survive.

Since the 1950's, the United States Department of Agriculture has operated a variety of programs designed to increase agriculture exports. Centered in the Foreign Agriculture Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, the programs include cooperator programs, export incentive programs, the Agriculture Attache program, and export barrier services. In addition, the Foreign Agriculture Service operates the export credit programs.

Under the concessional credit law Title I of Public Law 480, the United States extends long term dollar credits to eligible countries at low interest rates with repayment periods of up to forty years. Since the program's inception in 1954, through fiscal year 1982, \$22.4 billion worth of agricultural commodities have been exported through concessional financing provided under Title I of Public Law 480. In several cases, Public Law 480 concessional sales programs are credited with developing strong commercial markets. Several former recipients of Public Law 480 Title I credits are now major cash customers for United States agricultural commodities. Korea and Taiwan are two such cases.

Even with these and other export incentive programs, farm income has steadily declined during the past three years. The United States Department of Agriculture has improved efforts to expand farm exports in order to increase domestic commodity prices. The Reagan Administration in its proposed farm legislation for 1985 through 1990 has called for reductions in support payments for farmers. This proposal calls for a year by year reduction in support prices making the farmers responsible for themselves by the year 1990. The

work that the federal government is doing in the field of exports must not be hampered by this action.

To strengthen the competitive position of the United States, the federal government has taken other measures to enhance farm exports in a sluggish world economy. Secretary of Agriculture John Danforth has taken this information public by announcing new market developments. Currently the Reagan Administration is helping to develop new export markets by identifying and challenging unfair trade practices of other countries which suppress United States farm exports. The Administration is also trying to repair damage done to the United States as a reliable supplier of food which was the result of "Old trade and go export policies." President Reagan pledged in March 1982 that the United States would not use farm exports as an instrument of foreign policy except in extreme situations.

It is obvious that without the help of the federal government, United States exports would not be as strong as they are. However, our export market must be stronger and more attractive to potential markets. By offering our export market to be a competitive world market price, and by offering trade enhancing credit programs to financially weaker nations, our export trade market will be stronger. This will give our farmers the shot in the arm that they need to survive in the competitive world market and, as the stories we see and hear of farmers going broke will increase rather than decrease. Without agriculture, the United States must remain a world power. One day we might discover the United States to be a country in chaos. Can we afford to allow this to happen?

A country's stability and growth depend on its ability to feed its people. Our government must not tam a deal ago to the farm problems. We must strive to keep prices up and surplus down for the sake of the farmers and for the sake of the United States.

In 1776 the United States was founded on a principle. The base of that principle was agriculture. Let us not cast aside our roots. Our strength in agriculture, the United States must continue and improve growth in this area, farmers like my grandfather can again feel that pride that comes from knowing they are appreciated and that they help the land to keep the United States the world's supermarket is there.



### "Exports and the American Farmer"

During the summers when I was small I would sit with my grandfather on the lawn of his farm house. As daylight would creep away into night, he would tell me stories of farming life. These stories were full of the hard

times as well as the good times. The stories were funny and at times sad. However, the one thing that stays in my memory of these stories is the pride I could feel coming from my grandfather. This was a pride built on the knowledge that he had done something that was important. He felt that his livelihood was appreciated and that the country, as a whole, understood the impact of his work. My grandfather also talked of the history of agriculture. He



# Delegate Business



It was moved and passed by the delegates of the 58th National FFA Convention to raise the national dues to \$3.00.

The delegates also adopted the following as proposed by the National FFA Board of Directors: Add States meeting their quota (of American Farmer Candidates) may submit up to five (5) additional, ranked, qualified candidates for consideration to fill quotas not met by other States.

All the committee reports were approved and the delegates unanimously accepted the new state charter of Washington, DC.

## National Convention Committee Reports



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OF AGRICULTURE

## Auditing Committee

We, the auditing committee of the 58th National FFA Convention, recommend to the National FFA organization:

- 1) The audit report of Stoy, Malone and Company found satisfactory and meeting the requirements of Public Law 740 for the fiscal year of September 1, 1984 to August 31, 1985, be accepted.
- 2) A condensed financial report be again distributed to each official delegate. The report should include balance sheets of assets and liabilities, statements of revenue and expenses, and changes in fund balances as taken from the auditor's report with the addition of a simplified, concise summary of total revenue, total liabilities, and under and over.
- 3) A full auditor's report be available upon request from the National FFA Center.
- 4) The FFA dues be expanded only within the FFA organization. We thank Mr. David Miller, National Treasurer, and Mr. Wilson Gaines, Administrative Director, for their help and guidance in our committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

1985 Auditing Committee

Anthony Osborne, Kentucky, Chairman  
Drew Fletcher, New York, Co-Chairman  
Karen Hurst, Florida, Secretary  
Lincoln Dahl, Nevada  
Shawn Newport, Michigan  
Kathy Equines, Hawaii  
Brett Reynolds, Idaho

## Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee

We, the members of the 1985 Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee after having been oriented to the current conditions of the collegiate level of membership, feel that these conditions can be improved. After having deliberated on the proposed recommendations set forth by the 1984 Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee and the advice of our consultants, we have concluded that many of last years recommendations are worthwhile and should be reconsidered. These are:

1. The Collegiate FFA be the umbrella for all collegiate organizations affiliated with the National Future Farmers of America.
2. Establish a national scholarship program (trust) under the auspices of the National FFA Foundation to recognize outstanding leadership and academic performances.
3. We suggest that the annual meeting be held each year in Kansas City, Missouri simultaneously with the National Convention of the Future Farmers of America.
4. The Board of Directors and National Staff initiate the appointment of a National Collegiate FFA Advisory Committee of Agricultural education leaders at the January 1986 board meeting.

In addition, we proposed the following:

1. The national program staff develop a collegiate information and recruitment brochure promoting collegiate FFA.
2. The National FFA Executive Secretary distribute a letter to each state association encouraging it to involve collegiate FFA chapters in as many state activities as possible.
3. National collegiate dues be utilized through the National FFA Foundation for future collegiate awards.
4. Recognize outstanding collegiate organizations and members at the National FFA Convention and in the National Future Farmer Magazine.
5. The National FFA initiate collegiate FFA workshops in each region patterned after the National Collegiate FFA Workshop held in February 1984 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

And finally, we propose that state associations encourage collegiate FFA chapters to pay state dues in order to increase state membership.

We, the members of the 1985 Collegiate Ag Ed Development Committee, after considerable discussion, feel that these recommendations when acted

upon will greatly improve our already well-organized collegiate FFA organization.

Respectfully submitted  
Holly Craig, Oregon, Chairman  
Jimbo Coleman, Georgia, Co-Chairman  
Cheryl Helmeid, Wisconsin, Secretary  
K. C. Jones, New Mexico  
Brad Carlow, Texas

## National Contests Committee

We, the National Contest Committee of the 58th National FFA Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of preparing leaders for the new fields of agriculture, improving vocational agriculture, and to continue the betterment of our national contests, which provide the youth of our organization with the skills and abilities to help keep agriculture #1, would like to commend the following individuals for their hard work and research that has assisted our national contest program:

We would like to thank, Mack V. Smith & Alan A. Kabler, Dept. of Agricultural Education, Iowa State University, for developing the report on "Educational objectives and administrative criteria for the National FFA Contest program." George Wardlaw and Glen Boches, University of Minnesota, for developing the research report on agribusiness education and related incentive programs.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the committee who conducted the study on the possibility of establishing a National Parliamentary Procedure Contest. We commend you on your hard work and conclusions. We, the National Contest Committee, after careful discussion and analysis submit the following recommendations:

1. An Agri-Business Contest be implemented on the agenda of the National Board of Directors for consideration of establishing this contest on the national level. We feel this is a contest of great importance and should include such areas as job interviews and various business procedures, including some parliamentary procedure. Such a contest could develop the skills in young people that are valuable in the agricultural industry.
2. We recommend that a National Agricultural Marketing Contest composed of skills in marketing agricultural commodities and operating procedures be looked into carefully by the National Board of Directors as a possible future national contest.
3. In response to the need for a National Horse Judging Contest, we recommend that the Board of Directors from a committee to investigate the possibility of implementing horse judging as a part of the National Livestock judging contest.
4. That new areas such as landscape design be implemented into the Nursery Landscape Contest in order to test the students ability to apply his/her knowledge in practical situations.
5. We strongly recommend to the convention planners that the National Entrepreneurship and Prepared Public Speaking Contests both should have the opportunity to present their finalists before the national convention in the general session, instead of the alternations that have recently been implemented.
6. That the possibility of a National

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Crops Judging Contest be studied by the Board of Directors or by an appointed committee to determine the value of establishing a National Crops Contest.

Recognizing the need for stronger writing ability in our organization and the agriculture industry we the committee feel that in the near future we may need to implement a National Essay Contest to strengthen some of the criteria in the National Public Speaking Contests.

And last after reviewing the possibility of holding a National Cereals Contest, we the committee, feel it would not be effective to support such a contest. We feel that learning to recite and answer questions about the FFA Creed is a preliminary exercise to prepare and develop an individual for the National Prepared Public Speaking Contest or the National Extension Contest.

We would sincerely like to thank our consultants, Mr. Robert Crawley, Arkansas State Advisor, and Mr. Richard Wilkins, Delaware Executive Secretary, for their tremendous input and contribution to our committee. Our sincere gratitude is expressed by our committee to the National FFA Board of Directors, and you, the participants in the National FFA Contests.

Respectfully submitted,  
Damon De La Pena, Arizona, Chairman  
Jones Loflin, North Carolina,  
Co-Chairman  
Michelle Miller, South Carolina,  
Secretary  
Matthew Kirkpatrick, Indiana  
Anthony Kulisola, Hawaii  
Mike Johnston, North Dakota  
Greg Messenger, New Hampshire  
Troy McCue, Colorado

## International Committee

We, the International Programs Committee of the 58th National Convention of the Future Farmers of America, in hopes of promoting WEA International Program, submit the following recommendations:

- 1) Develop a thank you letter for the United States Information Agency for their help and support in International Programs from the National FFA Organization.
- 2) Forward to state staff information about grants available through the National FFA Organization by such methods as Ag Ed Network, The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, alumni newsletters, and other publications such as newsletters.
- 3) Recommend past participants, inbound participants and state associations put on workshops and slide shows at state conventions.
- 4) Recommend state associations to develop WEA Alumni programs.
- 5) We request a motivational workshop for WEA at the national convention.
- 6) Inbound participants be recognized at State President's Conference and more participation from them.
- 7) Develop a WEA program for the Washington Conference Program.
- 8) Develop on the national level a special project awareness week including international programs.
- 9) Encourage WEA participants to seek college credits.
- 10) Recommend more audio-visuals for WEA programs to be used by states and chapters through the mail order system.
- 11) Offer discount programs for

out-going participants that have secured a set number of host families.

- 12) Have host families recognized on the state level.
- 13) Work with national and state alumni for more WEA awareness.
- 14) Feature articles on inbound and outbound host families and participants in The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine, Alumni Newsletters, Between Issues, Update, Ag Ed Network, and state newsletters.
- 15) Secure WEA host families through the alumni.
- 16) Recommend the past WEA participants to make contact with members, state officers, possible host families and other people interested in the WEA program.
- 17) Have the international department send pre-written articles to state FFA offices for use in their respective state FFA publications.
- 18) Reinstate the luncheon for In and Outbound participants and delegates at the national convention.
- 19) Encourage WEA Alumni to promote International programs.
- 20) We of the International Committee have taken upon ourselves to personally thank the United States Information Agency by composing a letter to them.

We as the International Committee wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to Sarah Lyn Johnson, Program Assistant for the International Department and Steve Brown from the Missouri State Staff. Respectfully Submitted  
Lisa Moss, Chairman, Indiana  
Justin Aivi, Co-Chairman, Alaska  
Tim Barry, Louisiana  
Lisa Bryan, North Carolina  
Lorinda Hall, Rhode Island  
Recher Miller, Tennessee  
Andy Butler, New Jersey

## Membership Development Committee

We, the Membership Development Committee believe that recruitment and retention of FFA members must be given a high priority at all levels, for the on going growth of our organization.

Publicity, aggressive recruitment and a challenging Program of Activities are the key factors in developing membership in order to meet these ends, we propose the following recommendations:

- 1) Membership development be incorporated as a 12th Standing Committee in the Program of Activities.
- 2) Encourage the national organization to professionally develop a resource kit for the recruitment of members. This kit should provide chapter members with recruiting materials for junior high students, non-FFA vocational agricultural students and with resource material for high school counselors, administration and parents.
- 3) Membership development idea sharing sessions be incorporated into the 1986 WOP, NLCSD and the State Presidents' Conference.
- 4) National FFA Organization promote the development of articles spotlighting former FFA members in their respective careers. These professional profiles should be used in state and local magazines and newsletters to encourage the public awareness of the scope and impact of vocational agriculture and the FFA.
- 5) The national organization review and research the effectiveness of the 10+ program.

We would like to commend the national organization for their assistance in compiling this report.

We believe that the adoption of these recommendations will initiate a significant change in the current membership trend and will insure the continued quality of the Future Farmers of America.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Hemmer, Kansas, Chairman  
Julie Hess, Pennsylvania, Co-Chairman  
Neil Perry, Vermont  
Ann Henrichs, Missouri  
Kelly R. Smith, Kentucky  
Shawn Peterson, Montana  
David Palmer, Alabama  
Steve Davis, California

## National Awards Program Committee

We the members of the 1985 National Awards Program Committee, recommend the following:

1. We recommend that the National Convention Planning Committee continue showing 8-10 slides of National Proficiency Award winners and to make copies of these available to FFA chapters for motivational purposes.
2. We encourage all chapter, state, and national award winners to send thank-yous to national award sponsors.
3. We recommend that pulpwood be considered under the Fiber Crop Proficiency Award and Christmas trees be considered under Specialty Crop Award.
4. To increase proficiency award opportunities for members involved in agricultural business, we encourage development of a Professional Placement in Agricultural Business Proficiency Award.
5. We recommend that BOAC, National Chapter and National Chapter Sales awards be made available on computer discs.
6. We encourage chapters to use the new Student and Advisors Handbooks to help build stronger SDE programs.
7. We encourage all chapters to use ethical practices in applying for national awards.
8. We recommend to build more flexibility into proficiency award applications and to increase the opportunities to list leadership and cooperative activities.
9. To help the national staff, we recommend that all national award applications include a space for the chapter identification number.
10. We would like to thank Mr. Kevin Keith and Miss Adele Lemke for their support and cooperation during

this committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Symken, Texas  
Po Orsillo, Michigan  
Don Hayden, Washington  
Teresa Hendrix, Arkansas  
Kurt E. Gehlke, Connecticut,  
Co-Chairman  
Kevin Paul, Wisconsin, Chairman  
David Wright, Virginia

## National FFA Alumni Committee

We, the delegates serving on the National FFA Alumni Committee wish to express our thanks to Robert Cox, Jay Householder, Gary Mandle and Randy Meyer for their time and contributions to our committee. We also want to thank these Alumni members who have worked on our behalf throughout the past year. We feel that a strong FFA Alumni is of vital importance to the development and continued growth of past and present members and other friends of the Future Farmers of America.

The National FFA Organization realizes that the key to success for the national, state and local alumni activities is for each organization to have a definite purpose. We, therefore suggest the following items to help continue progress towards this purpose:

1. Continue to develop strength and support in governmental affairs.
2. Maximize the vitality of the governmental affairs committee by rotating its membership and by keeping two interns on the national level.
3. Encourage national, state and local affiliates to develop a video of successful individuals that are products of the program explaining how the program has helped them and how the program can help us. We suggest this video be part of a plan to solicit membership and support from:

- 1) Local government officials
- 2) Local school board members
- 3) Other school administrators
- 4) Town, village and city officials
- 5) Other community interest groups
- 6) Business community
- 7) Parents
- 8) Those who have been in vo-ag
- 9) Other community leaders.

2. Suggest alumni affiliates work close with state officers by:

- 1) Request that the National Alumni Newsletter be sent to each state officer.

3. The state president be mailed a copy of all alumni correspondence.

4. Suggest that a workshop be presented during NLCSD's dealing specifically with alumni relations.

5. Suggest that each state recognize at their state FFA convention the outstanding alumni affiliates in their state.

6. Suggest that a list of successful alumni activities from all states be compiled and distributed nationally to all alumni affiliates and State FFA Associations.

7. Suggest that invitations be sent to alumni to put on workshops at state conventions and vocational agriculture teacher conferences and that they be willing to meet and work with state staff.

8. Encourage Washington Conference Program coordinators to allow more time to the alumni to give the importance of their program.

9. Request that the National FFA Alumni distribute information directly into the hands of FFA members and their parents by working cooperatively with The National FUTURE FARMER Magazine.

10. Encourage local alumni to work with the FFA chapter in recruiting potential FFA members.

We also encourage state officer teams to become Legions of Merit Award winners and challenge them to work toward receiving national recognition by the entire officer team by becoming lifetime alumni members.

We, the National FFA Alumni Committee, hope that these suggestions will help to continue producing leaders for the new fields of agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,  
Crystal Woolen, New Mexico, Chairman  
Melissa Lopes, Massachusetts,  
Co-Chairman  
Richard Brook, Connecticut  
Duane Weems, Mississippi  
Eugene Rodgers, Iowa  
Mary Allen, New York  
Randy Meyer, Wisconsin  
Nancy Crane, Missouri  
Jay Hays, Texas

There's someone else  
out there who  
cares about FFA.



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November 13, 1985 at 9:00 in the Court B Ballroom-A. Consultants Tony Huile, Nancy Henger, and Nancy Smizer were present. Committee members: Debbie Nabonne, Carrie Estes, Lee Arington, Tami Hanks, Scotty Jacobs, David Walker (Co-Chairman) and Dean Harder (Chairman) were also present.

The proposed survey was discussed and changes were made to reflect the committee wishes. The final report was read and few adjustments were made to make it clear to the readers. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

## NCLSCO Committee Report

Due to the failure of the National FFA Staff to act upon the previous committee's recommendations, we, the 1985 National Leadership Conference for State Officers Committee require a summary of NCLSCO critiques and a report of the national center's actions on our recommendations in order for the 1986 NCLSCO committee to have a reason to meet. The following are our primary concerns which we strongly recommend be acted upon:

**PROBLEM:** Lack of flexibility to modify the NCLSCO to suit regional needs, (ie) 1. topics to be covered in the program, 2. use of local resource people and facilities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Send survey to the state executive secretary that would best facilitate an opportunity to elaborate on the state officer needs of their respective states. (See Appendix A) A suggested survey is attached.

**PROBLEM:** Lack of professionalism in attitude and atmosphere of selected NCLSCOs.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Encourage the use of official dress and the development of the proper attitude by state and national officers.

**PROBLEM:** Partial state associations are denied participation in NCLSCO programs because of scheduling.

**RECOMMENDATION:** In order to facilitate the participating state officers in NCLSCO programs we recommend to rotate the regions on the existing schedule.

We, the delegates comprising the 1985 NCLSCO Committee upon the evaluation of the previous year's report and our own respective conferences realize changes are needed for future NCLSCOs to be successful. As committee members we recognize this is both a privilege and a responsibility and request that the national staff address these issues with the same conviction that they were presented.

### (APPENDIX A)

The National Officers would like to have input from your state association for your regional NCLSCO. Please com-

plete the following form, indicating the areas of training which you would like to see emphasized.

Preferred Topics for National Officers to cover: Eye openers, BOAC, WEA, WCP, Membership Recruitment, Prepared and Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Group Dynamics, Alumni, Flag Ceremonies.

## National Leadership Conferences for State Officers Committee

We, the members of the National Leadership Conferences Committee, have carefully analyzed and evaluated the 1985 Washington Conference Program and State Presidents Conference. With our primary objective being to improve the leadership training at these conferences of our fellow FFA members, we do hereby submit the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the conference staff encourage the exchanging of ideas between WCP participants by:

a) Continuing to separate participants from the same chapter or state when making lodging arrangements.

b) Incorporating formal idea exchanges sessions.

2. We encourage the conference staff to continue activities to develop the national leadership skills but place a stronger emphasis on teamwork and hold more activities dealing with cooperation.

3. We recommend that the conference staff spend more time explaining the National FFA awards and honors, and encourage them to relay this information on to their fellow chapter members.

4. We request that staff members continue to utilize National Officers' talents and skills by requiring the presence of one officer during each of the conferences and encouraging them to interact with WCP participants on a one-on-one basis.

5. We recommend that advisors be encouraged to participate in the conference by:

a) Highlighting the advisor program on the WCP pamphlet.

b) Promoting the WCP Advisor program more extensively in the NATIONAL FUTURE FARMER MAGAZINE as well as the AVATA publications.

6. We recommend that FFA members be encouraged to participate in the conference by:

a) Producing a promotional film or slide for the Washington Conference Program and similar FFA leadership workshops.

b) Giving promotional materials to the state officers at NCLSCO's to utilize in their chapter visits to the schools.

7. We recommend that the National FFA organization help alleviate the cost of the program by:

a) Encouraging state and national alumni to provide funds for WCP scholarships.

b) Providing chapters with ideas and information to utilize while soliciting sponsors in their local communities.

c) We encourage the national organization to negotiate with businesses in order to obtain discounted travel and lodging rates.

d) We request that the national organization estimate the budget more accurately to avoid surprises which result over charging of WCP delegates.

### State Presidents Conference

1. We encourage the national organization to continue utilizing National Officers as conference directors and increase the number of past national officers to share motivational and inspirational material with the delegates.

2. We recommend that conference directors provide more complete educational backgrounds to the participants in the areas of vocational education, vocational agriculture, and the agricultural industry by:

a) Emphasizing the different career opportunities in Agriculture.

b) Explaining the problems and possible solutions of vocational education and Voc-Ag.

c) Providing a more complete question and answer period for the delegates to discuss current agricultural issues.

3. We recommend that counselors increase the emphasis on the exchange of views and methods of operation between the states, lessen the emphasis on the national budget and foundation reports by:

a) Incorporating a formal idea exchange for participants in one of the conferences sessions.

b) Initiating a P.O.A. exchange between state presidents.

4. We recommend that WCP counselors treat state president's conference participants in a more mature and adult-like manner so the participants can express their maturity and professionalism.

5. We encourage counselors and staff members to observe and closely follow the scheduled agenda so agreements with industry and senators can be upheld.

To follow up the 1985 National Leadership Conference, we recommend the following resolution on record at the 58th National FFA Convention:

1. Be it resolved that the National Leadership Committee at the national convention be provided a summary of the evaluations of the Washington Conference Program and the State Presidents Conference in order to make more educated and informed decisions.

2. Be it resolved that the National

FFA Organization sincerely appreciate the efforts, cooperation, and support of all the people involved in the planning, executing, and funding of the Washington Conference Program and the State FFA President's Conference. A special thanks is extended to the National FFA Alumni for the scholarships they sponsored as well as the Chevrolet Division of the General Motors Corporation for their sponsorship of the State FFA Presidents Conference.

Members of the National Leadership Conferences Committee we sincerely believe that these recommendations will indeed help us as we prepare leaders for the new fields of agriculture.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Dechner, Colorado, Chairman  
Charles Schane, Illinois, Co-Chairman  
Dave Kosler, Nebraska  
Jennifer Moyer, New Hampshire  
Arthur Hill, Arkansas  
Todd O'Hair, Montana  
Donnie All, West Virginia  
Jose Rivera, Puerto Rico

## National Program of Activities Committee

As members of the 1985 National Program of Activities Committee we have carefully evaluated the National Program of Activities and have made recommendations in the best interests of the members. We thank our state staff consultants and Mr. C. Coleman Harris for their time and efforts.

After carefully examining the 1985-86 National Program of Activities we submit the following recommendations:

1. Expose the National Program of Activities to the state associations by creating an audio-visual to be presented at NCLSCO and/or State Presidents' Conference.

2. Continue and enhance the use of promotional materials (ie PSA's, television programs, audio-visuals) to increase the public's knowledge of the educational values of FFA and vocational agriculture, especially non-university communities.

3. We commend the national staff for their efforts in promoting FFA, vocational agriculture, and the vocational industry and encouraging the development of an informational pamphlet specifically for guidance counselors, as well as a career packet to promote agricultural occupations and vocational agriculture enrollment. Material would be developed by the national staff, in conjunction with the members of the National Agricultural Career Show and the National FFA Alumni.

4. Encourage continued use of the Chapter Resource System and keep it updated.

5. Recommend states to follow National Contest guidelines for state contests.

6. Recommend that a recognition program similar to the BOAC Achievement in Volunteerism be organized for the National Chapter Safety Program.

7. Reinstatement the National FUTURE FARMER contest insert, regarding opportunities and awards available directly to members.

In closing, we commend the national staff for their strategic plan for utilizing our resources in those areas which are most productive.

We also commend the staff for preparing a complete and informative National Program of Activities.

These recommendations have been respectfully presented by the following members of the National Program of Activities Committee:  
Kathy Surber, New Jersey-Chairman  
Blen Ender, South Dakota  
Co-Chairman  
Melanie Maniquist, Kansas-Secretary  
Andy Nash, Tennessee  
Tony Schwartz, Oregon  
John Stiehlhammer, Texas  
Jony Kay Horton, Oklahoma

## Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, have given careful and deliberate consideration to all applicants running for national office. The committee nominates the following state of candidates to the delegates of the 58th National Convention to serve as national officers for the year 1985-86.

President—Rick Miller, Kansas  
Secretary—Coby Shorter, Ill. Texas  
Vice President, Central Region—Kevin Coffman, Missouri

Vice President, Eastern Region—Robert Weaver, Alabama  
Vice President, Western Region—Cindy Blair, Oklahoma

National Treasurer—David Miller, Baltimore, Maryland  
National Executive Secretary—C. Coleman Harris, Washington, D.C.  
National Advisor—Larry D. Case, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully submitted  
Bradley J. Parrish, Michigan, Chairman  
James D. Ringo, Washington, Co-Chairman

Brenda Kalvoda, North Dakota  
Kelly M. Gennelly, Rhode Island  
Allen J. Broadhead, Louisiana  
Dave Schaefer, Wisconsin  
Tony Parrish, Florida  
M. S. Seligson, New Jersey  
Alan Aarlando, Texas  
James W. Warren, Consultant  
James W. Clouse, Consultant

# FFA Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture

To assist in educating the American public about the scope of agriculture and the variety of agricultural careers available, a special nationwide educational public relations campaign has been planned for 1986 by the National FFA Organization. The various elements of the campaign were introduced during the convention.

## "Think About It" Audio-Visual

Sponsored by The Wrangler Brand

Introduced as this year's theme show and meant to be a complement to last year's "Be All You Can Dream," the

show emphasized the variety of agricultural careers available today. Eight minutes in length, the show is ideal for potential students of vocational agriculture and the FFA.

## National Television Special

Supported by advertising from Monsanto Agricultural Products Company and two other leading agricultural advertisers, to be announced following the convention.

"Agriculture in Transition" will be aired nationwide in March 1986. The special will emphasize the importance of the American farmer and the pivotal role he/she plays in America's largest industry. The public will also be educated on the diversity of the industry and the variety of careers agriculture can offer.

## Public Service Announcements & NEW Career Brochure

Sponsored by Monsanto Agricultural Products Company

Both the PSA's and the brochure promote the "Over 200 Careers in Agriculture." They stress the vital, high-tech industry of agriculture and the role vocational agriculture and FFA play in educating America's future leaders.

## NEW Food For America

Sponsored by Mobay Chemical Corporation, Agricultural Chemicals Division

This program has been revitalized and is ready for use in helping to educate America's elementary children about agriculture. The program has all of the old features, but includes a new activity and color wall chart to show elementary students the variety of agricultural careers available today.

## National FFA Week

Sponsored by Estech, Inc.

FFA Week will be the week of February 5-12, 1986. Many new items will be available. Members are urged to show your community that Vocational Agriculture and the FFA do indeed prepare Leaders for the New Fields of Agriculture.



The new Food For America materials were introduced at the convention. Three chapters from Michigan, Virginia and South Dakota presented six Kansas City metropolitan schools with the Food For America program utilizing the new materials.

Chapters participating included the Glenfield Hills FFA, Michigan; Brookfax FFA, South Dakota; and the Turner Ashby FFA, Dayton, Virginia.

## NEW Newspaper Special Section Kit

Sponsored by Beatrice Companies, Inc.

Mailed nationwide in January, this kit will provide newspapers with camera-ready news articles about agriculture, ag careers and most importantly, feature on vocational agriculture and the FFA.

4. Encourage continued use of the Chapter Resource System and keep it updated.

## NEW FFA Newsbreak & Video Convention-in-Review

Sponsored by CIBA-GEIGY Corporation

Three special FFA Newsbreaks were presented during the National FFA Convention via FFA's closed-circuit television system. The programs brought to the Municipal Auditorium's Main Arena news about FFA activities around Kansas City.

The five-minute newsbreaks were aired Thursday morning, Thursday evening and Friday evening. Bill Caraway, 1984 National FFA Secretary, acted as anchorman for the newsbreaks and State FFA Reports working on the FFA Newsbreak News Corps acted as on-scene reporters.

The participants in the Saturday afternoon convention session were treated to a new ten-minute video Convention-in-Review. This popular show, produced in the past utilizing slides, assisted in preparing off a successful 58th National FFA Convention.

## The people who feed America.

They don't just own the land, they're part of it. They don't just work at a job, they live it.

They get soaked in the rain, freeze in the winter, and bake in the summer.

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They must have the judgement of a supreme court justice, the decision-making ability of

a corporate executive, and the survival instincts of a tight-wire walker.

They wouldn't take other jobs because, for them, there are no other jobs.

Everyone in America relies on them for food, but nobody ever thinks of them.

So, we're going to stop for just a minute to say two words to America's farmers.

Thank you.



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